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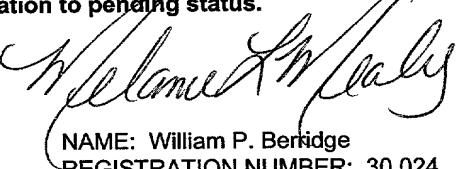
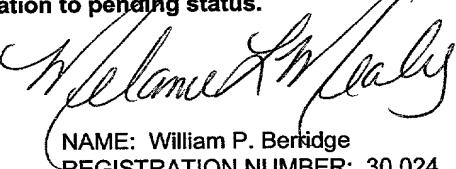
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3. This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 8, 13, 18, 20, 22, 23, 25 and 26 as follows:

Claim 8, line 4, delete "at nucleotide [sic]".

Claim 13, lines 1-2, change "any one of the preceding claims" to --claim 3--.

Claim 18, line 5, change "any one of claims 14 to 17" to --claim 14--.

Claim 20, line 7, change "any one of claims 8 to 11" to --claim 8--.

Claim 22, lines 3-5, change "any one of claims 1 to 7 or a fragment according to any

one of claims 14 to 17" to --claim 1--.

Claim 23, lines 2-3, change "any one of claims 14 to 17" to --claim 14--.

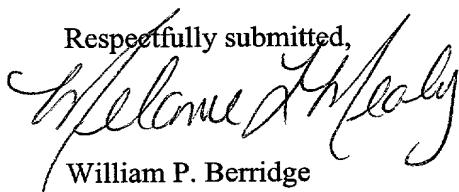
Claim 25, lines 5-6, change "any one of claims 14 to 17" to --claim 14--.

Claim 26, lines 7-8, change "any one of claims 14 to 17" to --claim 14--.

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claim 8 is amended to eliminate unnecessary language and claims 13, 18, 20, 22, 23, 25 and 26 are amended to eliminate multiple dependency. Prompt and favorable examination is respectfully requested.

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Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a demyelinizing disease of the central nervous system (CNS) of which the complete cause still remains unknown.

10 Numerous studies have supported the hypothesis for a viral etiology of the disease, but none of the known viruses tested has proved to be the causative agent tested for: a review of the viruses tested for in MS for many years has been carried out by E. Norrby and R.T. Johnson.

15 Recently, a retrovirus, different from the known human retroviruses, was isolated from patients suffering from MS. The authors were able to show that this retrovirus could be transmitted in vitro, that patients suffering from MS produced antibodies capable 20 of recognizing proteins associated with the infection of the leptomeningeal cells by this retrovirus, and that the expression of the latter could be greatly stimulated by the immediate-early genes of some herpesviruses.

25 All these results argue in favor of the role in MS of at least one unknown retrovirus or of a virus having a reverse transcriptase (RT) activity which is detectable by the method published by H. Perron and termed "LM7-type RT" activity.

30 The studies by the applicant have made it possible to obtain two continuous cell lines infected with natural isolates obtained from two different patients suffering from MS, by a culture method as described in the document WO-A-93 20188, whose content 35 is incorporated by reference into the present description. These two lines derived from cells of human choroid plexus, called LM7PC and PLI-2, were deposited at the E.C.A.C.C. on 22 July 1992 and 8 January 1993, respectively, under numbers 92 072201

and 93 010817, in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty of Budapest. Moreover, the viral isolates possessing an LM7-type RT activity have also been deposited at the E.C.A.C.C. under the overall name of 5 "strains". The "strain" or isolate harbored by the PLI-2 line, called POL-2, was deposited at the E.C.A.C.C. on 22 July 1992 under No. V92072202. The "strain" or isolate harbored by the LM7PC line, called 10 MS7PG, was deposited at the E.C.A.C.C. on 8 January 1993 under No. V93010816.

Using the abovementioned cultures and isolates, characterized by biological and morphological criteria, efforts were then made to characterize the genetic material associated with the viral particles produced 15 in these cultures.

The proportions of genome already characterized were used to develop molecular detection tests for the viral genome and immunoserological tests, using the amino acid sequences encoded by the nucleotide 20 sequences of the viral genome, in order to detect the immune response directed against epitopes associated with the viral infection and/or expression.

These tools have already made it possible to confirm an association between MS and the expression of 25 the sequences identified in the patents cited further on. However, the viral system discovered by the applicant is related to a complex retroviral system. Indeed, the sequences which are found to be encapsidated in the extracellular viral particles 30 produced by the different cultures of cells of patients suffering from MS show clearly that there is co-encapsidation of retroviral genomes which are related but different from the "wild-type" retroviral genome which produces the infectious viral particles. This 35 phenomenon was observed between replicative retroviruses and endogenous retroviruses belonging to the same family, or even heterologous retroviruses. The concept of endogenous retrovirus is very important in the context of our discovery because, in the case of

MSRV-1, it has been observed that endogenous retroviral sequences comprising sequences homologous to the MSRV-1 genome exist in normal human DNA. The existence of endogenous retroviral elements (ERV) related to MSRV-1 through all or part of their genome explains the fact that the expression of the MSRV-1 retrovirus in human cells can interact with related endogenous sequences. These interactions are found in the case of pathogenic and/or infectious endogenous retroviruses (for example some ecotropic strains of the Murine Leukemia virus), in the case of exogenous retroviruses whose nucleotide sequence may be found partially or completely in the form of ERVs, in the genome of the host animal (e.g. mouse mammary tumor exogenous virus transmitted via milk). These interactions consist mainly of (i) a transactivation or co-activation of ERVs by the replicative retrovirus, (ii) an "illegitimate" encapsidation of related RNAs of ERVs, or of ERVs - or even of cellular RNAs - simply possessing compatible encapsidation sequences, into the retroviral particles produced by the expression of the replicative strain, which are sometimes transmissible and sometimes with an inherent pathogenicity, and (iii) relatively high recombinations between the co-encapsidated genomes, in particular in the reverse transcription phases, which lead to the formation of hybrid genomes, which are sometimes transmissible and sometimes with an inherent pathogenicity.

Thus, (i) various MSRV-1-related sequences have been found in purified viral particles; (ii) molecular analysis of the various regions of the MSRV-1 retroviral genome should be carried out by systematically analyzing the co-encapsidated, interfering and/or recombinant sequences which are generated by the infection and/or expression of MSRV-1; furthermore, some clones may have portions of defective sequences produced by the retroviral replication and the template and/or transcription errors caused by reverse transcriptase; (iii) the families of sequences

related to the same retroviral genomic region are the supports for an overall diagnostic detection which may be optimized by the identification of invariable regions among the clones expressed and by the 5 identification of reading frames responsible for the production of antigenic and/or pathogenic polypeptides which may only be produced by a portion, or even only one, of the clones expressed and under these conditions, the systematic analysis of the clones 10 expressed in one region of a given gene makes it possible to evaluate the frequency of variation and/or recombination of the MSRV-1 genome in this region and to define the optimum sequences for the applications, in particular the diagnostic applications; (iv) the 15 pathology caused by a retrovirus such as MSRV-1 may be a direct effect of its expression and of the proteins or peptides produced as a result, but also an effect of the activation, encapsidation, recombination of related or heterologous genomes and proteins or peptides 20 produced as a result; thus, these genomes associated with the expression and/or infection by MSRV-1 are an integral part of the potential pathogenicity of this virus and therefore constitute diagnostic detection supports and particular therapeutic targets. Likewise, 25 any agent which is associated with, or which is a cofactor for these interactions responsible for the pathogenicity in question, such as MSRV-2 or the gliotoxic factor described in the patent application published under the No. FR-2,716,198, can participate 30 in the development of an overall and very effective strategy for therapeutic diagnosis, prognosis, monitoring and/or integrated therapy for MS in particular, but also for any other disease associated with the same agents.

35 In this context, a parallel discovery has been made in another autoimmune disease, rheumatoid arthritis (RA), which has been described in the French patent application filed under the No. 95 02960. This discovery shows that, by applying methodological

approaches similar to those which were used in the studies by the applicant on MS, it has been possible to identify a retrovirus expressed in RA which shares the sequences described for MSRV-1 in MS and also the co-
5 existence of an MSRV-2-associated sequence which is also described in MS. As regards MSRV-1, the sequences commonly detected in MS and RA relate to the *pol* and *gag* genes. On the basis of current knowledge, it is possible to combine the *gag* and *pol* sequences described
10 with the MSRV-1 strains expressed in these two diseases.

The present patent application has as its object various results, supplementary in relation to those already protected by the French patent
15 applications:

- No. 92/04322 of 03.04.1992, published under No. 2,689,519;
- No. 92/13447 of 03.11.1992, published under No. 2,689,521;
- 20 - No. 92/13443 of 03.11.1992, published under No. 2,689,520;
- No. 94/01529 of 04.02.1994, published under No. 2,715,936;
- No. 94/01531 of 04.02.1994, published under No. 2,715,939;
- 25 - No. 94/01530 of 04.02.1994, published under No. 2,715,936;
- No. 94/01532 of 04.02.1994, published under No. 2,715,937;
- 30 - No. 94/14322 of 24.11.1994, published under No. 2,727,428;
- No. 94/15810 of 23.12.1994, published under No. 2,728,585;

and

- 35 - Patent Application WO 97/06260.

The present invention relates, first of all, to a nucleic material, which may consist of a retroviral material, in isolated or purified state, which may be understood or characterized in various ways:

- it comprises a nucleotide sequence chosen from the group which consists of (i) the sequences SEQ ID NO: 112, SEQ ID NO: 114, SEQ ID NO: 117, SEQ ID NO: 120, SEQ ID NO: 124, SEQ ID NO: 130, 5 SEQ ID NO: 141 and SEQ ID NO: 142; (ii) the sequences complementary to sequences (i); and (iii) the sequences equivalent to sequences (i) or (ii), in particular the sequences having, for every series of 100 contiguous monomers, at least 50%, and preferentially at least 70% 10 homology with sequences (i) or (ii) respectively;

- it encodes a polypeptide having, for every contiguous series of at least 30 amino acids, at least 50%, and preferably at least 70% homology with a peptide sequence chosen from the group which consists 15 of SEQ ID NO: 113, SEQ ID NO: 115, SEQ ID NO: 118, SEQ ID NO: 121, SEQ ID NO: 135 and SEQ ID NO: 137;

- its pol gene comprises a nucleotide sequence identical or equivalent to a sequence chosen from the group which consists of SEQ ID NO: 112, SEQ ID NO: 124 20 and their complementary sequences;

- the 5' end of its pol gene starts at nucleotide 1419 of SEQ ID NO: 130;

- its pol gene encodes a polypeptide having, for every contiguous series of at least 30 amino acids, at least 50%, and preferably at least 70% homology with the peptide sequence SEQ ID NO: 113; 25

- the 3' end of its gag gene ends at nucleotide 1418 of SEQ ID NO: 130;

- its env gene comprises a nucleotide sequence 30 identical or equivalent to a sequence chosen from the group which consists of SEQ ID NO: 117, and its complementary sequences;

- its env gene comprises a nucleotide sequence which starts at nucleotide 1 of SEQ ID NO: 117 and ends 35 at nucleotide [sic] 233 of SEQ ID NO: 114;

- its env gene encodes a polypeptide having, for every contiguous series of at least 30 amino acids,

at least 50%, and preferably at least 70% homology with the sequence SEQ ID NO: 118;

5 - the U3R region of its 3' LTR comprises a nucleotide sequence which ends at nucleotide 617 of SEQ ID NO: 114;

- the RU5 region of its 5' LTR comprises a nucleotide sequence which starts at nucleotide 755 of SEQ ID NO: 120 and ends at nucleotide 337 of SEQ ID NO: 141 or SEQ ID NO: 142;

10 - a retroviral nucleic material comprising a sequence which starts at nucleotide 755 of SEQ ID NO: 120 and which ends at nucleotide 617 of SEQ ID NO: 114;

15 - the retroviral nucleic material as defined above is in particular associated with at least one autoimmune disease such as multiple sclerosis or rheumatoid arthritis.

The invention also relates to a nucleotide fragment which corresponds to at least one of the following definitions:

20 - it comprises or consists of a nucleotide sequence chosen from the group which consists of (i) the sequences SEQ ID NO: 112, SEQ ID NO: 114, SEQ ID NO: 117, SEQ ID NO: 120, SEQ ID NO: 124, SEQ ID NO: 130, SEQ ID NO: 141 and SEQ ID NO: 142; (ii) 25 the sequences complementary to sequences (i); and (iii) the sequences equivalent to sequences (i) or (ii), in particular the sequences having, for every series of 100 contiguous monomers, at least 50%, and preferentially at least 70% homology with sequences (i) 30 or (ii) respectively;

- it comprises or consists of a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide having, for every contiguous series of at least 30 amino acids, at least 50%, and preferably at least 70% homology with a 35 peptide sequence chosen from the group which consists of SEQ ID NO: 113, SEQ ID NO: 115, SEQ ID NO: 118, SEQ ID NO: 121, SEQ ID NO: 135 and SEQ ID NO: 137.

Other subjects of the present invention are the following:

- a nucleic probe for the detection of a retrovirus associated with multiple sclerosis and/or rheumatoid arthritis, capable of hybridizing specifically with any fragment defined above and 5 belonging to the genome of said retrovirus; it advantageously possesses from 10 to 100 nucleotides, preferably from 10 to 30 nucleotides;

- a primer for the amplification, by polymerization, of an RNA or of a DNA of a retrovirus 10 associated with multiple sclerosis and/or rheumatoid arthritis, which comprises a nucleotide sequence identical or equivalent to at least a portion of the nucleotide sequence of a fragment defined above, in particular a nucleotide sequence having, for every 15 series of 10 contiguous monomers, at least 50%, preferably at least 70% homology with at least said portion of said fragment; preferably the nucleotide sequence of a primer of the invention is chosen from SEQ ID NO: 116, SEQ ID NO: 119, SEQ ID NO: 122, 20 SEQ ID NO: 123, SEQ ID NO: 126, SEQ ID NO: 127, SEQ ID NO: 128, SEQ ID NO: 129, SEQ ID NO: 132, and SEQ ID NO: 133;

- an RNA or a DNA, and in particular a replication and/or expression vector, comprising a 25 genomic fragment of the nucleic material or a fragment defined above;

- a peptide encoded by any open reading frame belonging to a nucleotide fragment defined above, in particular a polypeptide, for example oligopeptide 30 forming or comprising an antigenic determinant recognized by sera of patients infected with the MSRV-1 virus, and/or in whom the MSRV-1 virus has been reactivated; a preferential peptide comprises a sequence identical, partially or completely, or 35 equivalent to a sequence chosen from SEQ ID NO: 113, SEQ ID NO: 115, SEQ ID NO: 118, SEQ ID NO: 121, SEQ ID NO: 135 and SEQ ID NO: 137;

- a diagnostic, prophylactic or therapeutic composition, in particular for inhibiting the

expression of at least one retrovirus associated with multiple sclerosis and/or rheumatoid arthritis, comprising a nucleotide fragment defined above;

5 - a method for detecting a retrovirus
associated with multiple sclerosis and/or rheumatoid
arthritis, in a biological sample, comprising the steps
consisting of bringing an RNA and/or a DNA assumed to
belong to or obtained from said retrovirus, or their
10 complementary RNA and/or DNA, into contact with a
composition comprising a nucleotide fragment defined
above.

Before detailing the invention, various terms
used in the description and the claims are now defined:

15 - strain or isolate is understood to mean any
infectious and/or pathogenic biological fraction
containing, for example, viruses and/or bacteria and/or
parasites, generating a pathogenic and/or antigenic
power, harbored by a culture or a live host; by way of
example, a viral strain according to the preceding
20 definition may contain a co-infectious agent, for
example a pathogenic protist,

25 - the term "MSRV" used in the present
description designates any pathogenic and/or infectious
agent, as associated with MS, in particular a viral
species, the attenuated strains of said viral species,
or the interfering defective particles or particles
containing co-encapsidated genomes or alternatively
genomes recombined with a portion of the MSRV-1 genome,
which are derived from this species. It is known that
30 viruses and particularly viruses containing RNA exhibit
variability, following in particular relatively high
rates of spontaneous mutation, which will be taken into
account below to define the concept of equivalence,

35 - human virus is understood to mean a virus
capable of infecting or of being harbored by human
beings,

- given all the natural or induced variations
and/or recombination which may be encountered in
practice in the present invention, the objects thereof,

defined above and in the claims, have been expressed by comprising the equivalents or derivatives of the various biological materials defined below, in particular homologous nucleotide or peptide sequences,

5 - the variant of a virus or of a pathogenic and/or infectious agent according to the invention comprises at least one antigen recognized by at least one antibody directed against at least one corresponding antigen of said virus and/or of said pathogenic and/or infectious agent, and/or a genome in which any portion is detected by at least one hybridization probe, and/or at least one nucleotide amplification primer specific for said virus and/or pathogenic and/or infectious agent, under defined 10 hybridization conditions well known to persons skilled 15 in the art,

- according to the invention, a nucleotide fragment or an oligonucleotide or a polynucleotide is a stretch of monomers, or a biopolymer, characterized by 20 the informational sequence of the natural nucleic acids, which is capable of hybridizing to any other nucleotide fragment under predefined conditions, it being possible for the stretch to contain monomers of 25 different chemical structures and to be obtained from a natural nucleic acid molecule and/or by genetic recombination and/or by chemical synthesis; a nucleotide fragment may be identical to a genomic fragment of the MSRV-1 virus considered by the present invention, in particular a gene of the latter, for 30 example pol or env in the case of said virus;

- thus, a monomer may be a natural nucleic acid nucleotide in which the constituent components are a sugar, a phosphate group and a nitrogen base; in RNA, the sugar is ribose; in DNA, the sugar is 2-deoxy- 35 ribose; depending on whether DNA or RNA is involved, the nitrogen base is chosen from adenine, guanine, uracil, cytosine, thymine; or the nucleotide may be modified in at least one of the three constituent components; by way of example, the modification may

occur at the level of the bases, generating modified bases such as inosine, 5-methyl-deoxycytidine, deoxyuridine, 5-dimethylamineodeoxyuridine [sic], 2,6-diamineopurine [sic], 5-bromodeoxyuridine and any 5 other modified base promoting hybridization; at the level of the sugar, the modification may consist in the replacement of at least one deoxyribose with a polyamide, and at the level of the phosphate group, the modification may consist in its replacement with 10 esters, in particular chosen from the esters of diphosphate, of alkyl and arylphosphonate and of phosphorothioate,

- "informational sequence" is understood to mean any ordered series of monomers, whose chemical 15 nature and in which the order in a reference direction, constitute or otherwise a functional information of the same quality as that for the natural nucleic acids,

- hybridization is understood to mean the process during which, under appropriate operating 20 conditions, two nucleotide fragments, having sufficiently complementary sequences, become annealed to form a complex, in particular a double or triple, structure, preferably in helical form,

- a probe comprises a nucleotide fragment 25 synthesized by the chemical route or obtained by digestion or enzymatic cleavage of a longer nucleotide fragment, comprising at least six monomers, advantageously from 10 to 100 monomers, preferably 10 to 30 monomers, and possessing a hybridization 30 specificity under defined conditions; preferably, a probe possessing less than 10 monomers is not used alone, but is used in the presence of other probes which are equally short in length or otherwise; under certain specific conditions, it may be useful to use 35 probes which are greater than 100 monomers in size; a probe may be used in particular for diagnostic purposes, and it may be, for example, capture and/or detection probes,

- the capture probe may be immobilized on a solid support by any appropriate means, that is to say directly or indirectly, for example by covalent bonding or passive adsorption,

5 - the detection probe may be labeled by means of a marker chosen in particular from radioactive isotopes, enzymes chosen in particular from peroxidase and alkaline phosphatase and those capable of hydrolyzing a chromogenic, fluorogenic or luminescent 10 substrate, chromophoric chemical compounds, chromogenic, fluorogenic or luminescent compounds, analogs of nucleotide bases, and biotin,

15 - the probes used for diagnostic purposes of the invention may be used in all known hybridization techniques, and in particular the so-called "DOT-BLOT" technique, "SOUTHERN BLOT" technique, "NORTHERN BLOT" technique which is a technique identical to the "SOUTHERN BLOT" technique but which uses RNA as target, the SANDWICH technique; advantageously, the SANDWICH 20 technique is used in the present invention, comprising a specific capture probe and/or a specific detection probe, it being understood that the capture probe and the detection probe must have a nucleotide sequence which is at least partially different,

25 - any probe according to the present invention may hybridize in vivo or in vitro with the RNA and/or with the DNA, in order to block the replication, in particular translation and/or transcription, phenomena and/or to degrade said DNA and/or RNA,

30 - a primer is a probe comprising at least six monomers, and advantageously from 10 to 30 monomers, possessing hybridization specificity under defined conditions, for the initiation of an enzymatic polymerization, for example in an amplification 35 technique such as PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction), in an extension method such as sequencing, in a reverse transcription method and the like,

- two nucleotide or peptide sequences are said to be equivalent or derived with respect to each other,

or with respect to a reference sequence, if functionally the corresponding biopolymers can play substantially the same role, without being identical, in relation to the application or use considered, or in 5 the technique in which they are involved; particularly equivalent are two sequences obtained because of the natural variability, in particular spontaneous mutation, of the species from which they were identified, or induced mutation, as well as two 10 homologous sequences, the homology being defined below,

- "variability" is understood to mean any spontaneous or induced modification of a sequence, in particular by substitution, and/or insertion, and/or deletion of nucleotides and/or of nucleotide fragments, 15 and/or extension and/or shortening of the sequence at least at one of the ends; a nonnatural variability may result from the genetic engineering techniques used, for example from the choice of the degenerate or nondegenerate synthetic primers selected to amplify a 20 nucleic acid; this variability may result in modifications of any starting sequence, considered as a reference, and which may be expressed by a degree of homology with respect to said reference sequence,

- homology characterizes the degree of identity 25 of two compared nucleotide or peptide fragments; it is measured by the percentage identity which is in particular determined by direct comparison of nucleotide or peptide sequences, with respect to reference nucleotide or peptide sequences,

30 - any nucleotide fragment is said to be equivalent to or derived from a reference fragment if it has a nucleotide sequence equivalent to the sequence of the reference fragment; according to the preceding definition, in particular equivalent to a reference 35 nucleotide fragment are:

(a) any fragment capable of hybridizing, at least partially, with the complementary to the reference fragment,

(b) any fragment whose alignment with the reference fragment leads to the identification of identical contiguous bases, in a greater number than with any other fragment obtained from another taxonomic group,

(c) any fragment resulting or capable of resulting from the natural variability of the species from which it is obtained,

(d) any fragment which may result from genetic engineering techniques applied to the reference fragment,

(e) any fragment, containing at least eight contiguous nucleotides, encoding a peptide homologous or identical to the peptide encoded by the reference fragment,

(f) any fragment different from the reference fragment through insertion, deletion, substitution of at least one monomer, extension, or shortening at least at one of its ends; for example, any fragment corresponding to the reference fragment, flanked at least at one of its ends by a nucleotide sequence not encoding a polypeptide,

- polypeptide is understood to mean in particular any peptide of at least two amino acids, in particular oligopeptide, protein, extracted, separated, or substantially isolated or synthesized, through the involvement of humans, in particular those obtained by chemical synthesis, or through expression in a recombinant organism,

- polypeptide partially encoded by a nucleotide fragment is understood to mean a polypeptide having at least three amino acids encoded by at least nine contiguous monomers included in said nucleotide fragment,

- an amino acid is said to be analogous to another amino acid when their respective physicochemical characteristics, such as polarity, hydrophobicity and/or basicity, and/or acidity, and/or

neutrality, are substantially the same; thus, a leucine is analogous to an isoleucine,

- any polypeptide is said to be equivalent to or derived from a reference polypeptide if the 5 polypeptides compared have substantially the same properties, and in particular the same antigenic, immunological, enzymatic and/or molecular recognition properties; in particular equivalent to a reference polypeptide is:

10 (a) any polypeptide possessing a sequence in which at least one amino acid has been replaced by an analogous amino acid,

15 (b) any polypeptide having an equivalent peptide sequence, obtained by natural or induced variation of said reference polypeptide, and/or of the nucleotide fragment encoding said polypeptide,

(c) a mimotope of said reference polypeptide,

20 (d) any polypeptide from whose sequence one or more amino acids of the L series are replaced by an amino acid of the D series, and vice versa,

25 (e) any polypeptide into whose sequence a modification of the side chains of the amino acids has been introduced, such as for example an acetylation of the amine-containing functions, a carboxylation of the thiol functions, an esterification of the carboxyl functions,

30 (f) any polypeptide in whose sequence one or more peptide bonds have been modified, such as for example the carba, retro, inverso, retro-inverso, reduced, and methylene-oxy bonds,

(g) any polypeptide in which at least one antigen is recognized by an antibody directed against a reference polypeptide,

35 - the percentage identity characterizing the homology between two peptide fragments compared is according to the present invention at least 50% and preferably at least 70%.

Given that a virus possessing a reverse transcriptase enzymatic activity may be genetically

characterized both in RNA and DNA form, both the viral DNA and RNA will be mentioned in order to characterize the sequences relative to a virus possessing such a reverse transcriptase activity, termed MSRV-1 according 5 to the present description.

The expressions of order which are used in the present description and the claims, such as "first nucleotide sequence", are not selected to express a particular order, but to define the invention more 10 clearly.

Detection of a substance or agent is understood below to mean an identification, a quantification or a separation or isolation of said substance or of said agent.

15 The invention will be understood more clearly on reading the detailed description which follows which is made with reference to the appended figures in which:

20 Figure 1 represents the general structure of the proviral DNA and the genomic RNA of MSRV-1.

Figure 2 represents the nucleotide sequence of the clone called CL6-5' (SEQ ID NO: 112) and three potential reading frames in amino acids presented under the nucleotide sequence.

25 Figure 3 represents the nucleotide sequence of the clone called CL6-3' (SEQ ID NO: 114) and three potential reading frames in amino acids presented under the nucleotide sequence.

30 Figure 4 represents the nucleotide sequence of the clone called C15 (SEQ ID NO: 117) and three potential reading frames in amino acids presented under the nucleotide sequence.

35 Figure 5 represents the nucleotide sequence of the clone called 5M6 (SEQ ID NO: 120) and three potential reading frames in amino acids presented under the nucleotide sequence.

Figure 6 represents the nucleotide sequence of the clone called CL2 (SEQ ID NO: 130) and three

potential reading frames in amino acids presented under the nucleotide sequence.

Figure 7 represents three potential reading frames in amino acids expressed by pET28C-clone 2 and 5 presented under the nucleotide sequence.

Figure 8 represents three potential reading frames in amino acids expressed by pET21C-clone 2 and presented under the nucleotide sequence.

Figure 9 represents the nucleotide sequence of 10 the clone called LB13 (SEQ ID NO: 141) and three potential reading frames in amino acids presented under the nucleotide sequence.

Figure 10 represents the nucleotide sequence of 15 the clone called LA15 (SEQ ID NO: 142) and three potential reading frames in amino acids presented under the nucleotide sequence.

Figure 11 represents the nucleotide sequence of 20 the clone called LB16 (SEQ ID NO: 124) and three potential reading frames in amino acids presented under the nucleotide sequence.

Figure 12 represents the promoter activity expressed in cpm/4 min of the U3R sequences subcloned from LTRs of different origins into the plasmid PCAT3. PCAT3 means plasmid alone, PCAT-PH74 means plasmid plus 25 endogenous U3R clone expressed in the placenta, PCAT-cl6 means plasmid plus U3R clone amplified in the RNA of an MS plasma, PCAT-5M6 means plasmid plus U3R region amplified in the cellular DNA, "no plasmid" means absence of plasmid in the test.

30 Figure 13 represents the MSRV1 env and 3' LTR sequences. The horizontal arrows indicate the start of the env, U3 and R regions. In the env region, the signal peptide and the potential immunosuppressive region are underlined, the potential glycosylation 35 sites are boxed and the potential cleavage sites are indicated by vertical arrows. In the U3R region: the regulatory element CAAT and the TATA Box are underlined, the "cap" site and the polyadenylation signal are also indicated.

Figure 14 represents the 5' LTR (RU5) region followed by a PBS site (primer binding site) complementary to the Trp tRNA and by a gag gene encoding a protein of about 487 amino acids. The amino acids conserved in the nucleocapsid are underlined twice. The amino acids defining the region of greatest homology in the capsid are in bold and underlined once. The / symbols in the amino acid sequence indicate variations observed depending on the clones and, in the nucleotide sequence, they indicate frame jumps in some clones. The boxed regions correspond to epitopes identified by peptide analysis of the C-terminal region.

Figure 15 represents the integrase region of MSRV1, the nucleotide sequence and the amino acid sequence deduced from the integrase region corresponding to clone 87-23. In Figure 15, // means a frame jump which has been suppressed in order to restore the potential ORF. The letters in underlined bold characters represent the conserved amino acids in the retroviral integrases.

Figure 16 describes the nucleotide and peptide sequences of clone B13 (identical to clone FBd13 described in previous applications) with indication of the ORFs and stop codons represented by a dot. The underlined region in bold represents the potential immunosuppressive domain. The single underlined domain represents the start of the 3' LTR.

30 EXAMPLE 1: PREPARATION OF A CL6-5' REGION ENCODING THE N-TERMINAL END OF INTEGRASE AND OF A CL6-3' REGION CONTAINING THE 3' TERMINAL SEQUENCE OF THE MSRV-1 GENOME

A 3' RACE was carried out on the total RNA extracted from plasma from a patient suffering from MS. A healthy control plasma, treated under the same conditions, was used as negative control. The synthesis of cDNA was carried out with an oligo dT primer identified by SEQ ID NO: 68 (5' GAC TCG CTG CAG ATC GAT

TTT TTT TTT TTT TTT T 3') and the reverse transcriptase "ExpandTM RT" from Boehringer according to the conditions recommended by the company. A PCR was carried out with the enzyme Klentaq (Clontech) under 5 the following conditions: 94°C 5 min then 93°C 1 min, 58°C 1 min, 68°C 3 min over 40 cycles and 68°C for 8 min, with a final reaction volume of 50 µl.

Primers used for the PCR:

- 5' primer, identified by SEQ ID NO: 69
- 10 5' GCC ATC AAG CCA CCC AAG AAC TCT TAA CTT 3';
- 3' primer, identified by SEQ ID NO: 68

A second so-called "seminested" PCR was carried out with a 5' primer situated inside the region already amplified. This second PCR was carried out under the 15 same experimental conditions as those used for the first PCR, using 10 µl of the amplification product derived from the first PCR.

Primers used for the seminested PCR:

- 5' primer, identified by SEQ ID NO: 70
- 20 5' CCA ATA GCC AGA CCA TTA TAT ACA CTA ATT 3';
- 3' primer, identified by SEQ ID NO: 68

The primers SEQ ID NO: 69 and SEQ ID NO: 70 are specific for the pol region of MRSV-1.

An amplification product of 1.9 Kb was obtained 25 for the plasma of the MS patient. The corresponding fragment was not observed for the healthy control plasma. This amplification product was cloned in the following manner:

The amplified DNA was inserted into a plasmid with the 30 aid of the TA Cloning kit[®]. The 2 µl of DNA solution were mixed with 5 µl of sterile distilled water, 1 µl of a 10 times concentrated ligation buffer "10X LIGATION BUFFER", 2 µl of "pCRTM VECTOR" (25 ng/ml) and 1 µl of "T4 DNA LIGASE". This mixture was incubated 35 overnight at 12°C. The next steps were carried out in accordance with the instructions for the TA Cloning kit[®] (Invitrogen). At the end of the procedure, the white colonies of recombinant bacteria (white) were subcultured so as to be cultured and allow the

extraction of the plasmids incorporated according to the so-called "miniprep" procedure. The plasmid preparation of each recombinant colony was cut with an appropriate restriction enzyme and analyzed on agarose 5 gel. The plasmids possessing an insert detected under UV light after staining the gel with ethidium bromide were selected for the sequencing of the insert after hybridization with a primer complementary to the Sp6 promoter present on the cloning plasmid of the TA 10 cloning kit®. The reaction prior to the sequencing was then carried out according to the method recommended for using the sequencing kit "PRISM™ Ready Reaction AmpliTaq® FS, DyeDeoxy™ Terminator" (Applied Biosystems, ref. 402119) and the automated sequencing 15 was carried out on the Applied Biosystems 373 A and 377 apparatus, according to the manufacturer's instructions.

The clone obtained contains a CL6-5' region encoding the N-terminal end of integrase and a CL6-3' 20 region corresponding to the 3' terminal region of MSRV-1 and making it possible to define the end of the envelope (234 bp) and the U3 and R (401 bp) regions of the MSRV1 retrovirus.

The region corresponding to the N-terminal end 25 of integrase is represented by its nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO: 112) in Figure 27. The three potential reading frames are presented by their amino [sic] acid sequence under the nucleotide sequence, and the amino [sic] acid sequence of the N-terminal end of integrase 30 is identified by SEQID NO: 113.

The C16-3' region is represented by its nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO: 114) in Figure 3. The three potential reading frames are presented by their amino [sic] acid sequence under the nucleotide sequence. An amino [sic] acid sequence corresponding 35 to the C-terminal end of the MSRV-1 env protein is identified by SEQ ID NO: 115.

In order to evaluate the promoter activity of the LTR obtained from clone 6 (cl6), a test of promoter

activity using the enzyme CAT (chloramphenicol acetyl transferase) was carried out with the corresponding U3R region. In parallel, a clone containing the same U3R region of endogenous retroviral RNA expressed in normal 5 placenta (PH74) and a clone (5M6) obtained from DNA were tested. The result presented in Figure 12 shows a very high promoter activity of the LTR derived from MS plasma (c16) and a significantly much lower activity with the sequences of non-MS endogenous origin.

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EXAMPLE 2: PREPARATION OF THE C15 CLONE CONTAINING THE REGION ENCODING A PORTION OF THE MSRV-1 RETROVIRUS ENVELOPE

A RT-PCR was carried out on the total RNA 15 extracted from virions concentrated by ultracentrifugation of a synoviocyte culture supernatant obtained from an MS patient. The synthesis of cDNA was carried out with an oligo dT primer and the reverse transcriptase "Expand™ RT" from Boehringer according to 20 the conditions recommended by the company. A PCR was carried out with the Expand™ Long Template PCR System (Boehringer) under the following conditions: 94°C 5 min then 93°C 1 min, 60°C 1 min, 68°C 3 min over 40 cycles and 68°C for 8 min and with a final reaction volume of 25 50 µl.

Primers used for the PCR:

- 5' primer, identified by SEQ ID NO: 69
5' GCC ATC AAG CCA CCC AAG AAC TCT TAA CTT 3';
- 3' primer, identified by SEQ ID NO: 116
30 5' TGG GGT TCC ATT TGT AAG ACC ATC TGT AGC TT 3'

A second so-called "seminested" PCR was carried out with a 5' primer situated inside the region already amplified. This second PCR was carried out under the same experimental conditions as those used for the 35 first PCR (except that 30 cycles were used instead of 40), using 10 µl of the amplification product derived from the first PCR.

Primers used for the seminested PCR:

- 5' primer, identified by SEQ ID NO: 70

5' CCA ATA GCC AGA CCA TTA TAT ACA CTA ATT 3';

- 3' primer, identified by SEQ ID NO: 116

The primers SEQ ID NO: 69 and SEQ ID NO: 70 are specific for the pol region of MRSV-1. The primer SEQ

5 ID NO: 116 is specific for the sequence FBd13 (also called B13) and is located in the conserved env region among the oncoretroviruses.

An amplification product of 1932 bp was obtained and cloned in the following manner:

10 the amplified DNA was inserted into a plasmid with the aid of the TA Cloning kit®. The various steps were carried out in accordance with the instructions for the TA Cloning kit® (Invitrogen). At the end of the procedure, the white colonies of recombinant bacteria
15 (white) were subcultured so as to be cultured and allow the extraction of the plasmids incorporated according to the so-called "miniprep" procedure. The plasmid preparation of each recombinant colony was cut with an appropriate restriction enzyme and analyzed on agarose
20 gel. The plasmids possessing an insert detected under UV light after staining the gel with ethidium bromide were selected for the sequencing of the insert after hybridization with a primer complementary to the SP6 promoter present on the cloning plasmid of the TA
25 cloning kit®. The reaction prior to the sequencing was then carried out according to the method recommended for using the sequencing kit "PRISM™ Ready Reaction AmpliTaq® FS, DyeDeoxy™ Terminator" (Applied Biosystems, ref. 402119) and the automated sequencing
30 was carried out on the Applied Biosystems 373 A and 377 apparatus, according to the manufacturer's instructions.

The C15 clone obtained contains a region corresponding to the region of the MRSV-1 envelope of
35 1481 bp.

The env region of the C15 clone is represented by its nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO: 117) in Figure 5. The three potential reading frames of this clone are presented by their amino [sic] acid sequence

under the nucleotide sequence. The reading frame corresponding to an MSRV-1 structural env protein is identified by SEQ ID NO: 118.

From the defined sequences obtained from clones 5 c16 and C15, it was possible to produce a plasmid construct encoding a complete envelope followed by the 3' LTR, as presented in Figure 13 with the corresponding reading frame.

10 **EXAMPLE 3: PREPARATION OF A 5M6 CLONE CONTAINING THE SEQUENCES OF THE 3' TERMINAL REGION OF THE ENVELOPE, FOLLOWED BY THE MSRV-1 PROVIRAL TYPE U3, R AND U5 SEQUENCES**

15 A monodirectional PCR was carried out on the DNA extracted from immortalized B lymphocytes in culture from an MS patient. The PCR was carried out with ExpandTM Long Template PCR System (Boehringer) under the following conditions: 94°C 3 min then 93°C 1 min, 60°C 1 min, 68°C 3 min over 10 cycles, then 93°C 20 1 min, 60°C 1 min with 15 sec of extension at each cycle, 68°C 3 min over 35 cycles and 68°C for 7 min and with a final reaction volume of 50 µl.

The primer used for the PCR identified by SEQ ID NO: 119 is 5' TCA AAA TCG AAG AGC TTT AGA CTT GCT 25 AAC CG 3';

The primers [sic] SEQ ID NO: 119 is specific for the env region of the C15 clone.

An amplification product of 1673 bp was obtained and cloned in the following manner:

30 the amplified DNA was inserted into a plasmid with the aid of the TA Cloning kit[®]. The various steps were carried out in accordance with the instructions for the TA Cloning kit[®] (Invitrogen). At the end of the procedure, the white colonies of recombinant bacteria 35 (white) were subcultured so as to be cultured and allow the extraction of the plasmids incorporated according to the so-called "miniprep" procedure. The plasmid preparation of each recombinant colony was cut with an appropriate restriction enzyme and analyzed on agarose

5 gel. The plasmids possessing an insert detected under UV light after staining the gel with ethidium bromide were selected for the sequencing of the insert after hybridization with a primer complementary to the T7 promoter present on the cloning plasmid of the TA cloning kit®. The reaction prior to the sequencing was then carried out according to the method recommended for using the sequencing kit "PRISM™ Ready Reaction 10 AmpliTaq® FS, DyeDeoxy™ Terminator" (Applied Biosystems, ref. 402119) and the automated sequencing was carried out on the Applied Biosystems 373 A and 377 apparatus, according to the manufacturer's 15 instructions.

15 The 5M6 clone obtained contains a region corresponding to the 3' region of the MSRV-1 envelope of 492 bp followed by the regions U3, R and U5 (837 bp) of MSRV1.

20 The 5M6 clone is represented by its nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO: 120) in Figure 5. The three potential reading frames of this clone are presented by their amino [sic] acid sequence under the nucleotide sequence. The reading frame corresponding to the C-terminal end of the MSRV-1 env protein is identified by SEQ ID NO: 121.

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EXAMPLE 4: PREPARATION OF THE LB16 CLONE CONTAINING THE REGION ENCODING THE MSRV-1 RETROVIRUS INTEGRASE

30 An RT-PCR was carried out on the total RNA treated with DNaseI and extracted from a choroid plexus obtained from an MS patient. The synthesis of cDNA was carried out with an oligo dT primer and the reverse transcriptase "Expand™ RT" from Boehringer according to the conditions recommended by the company. A "no RT" control was carried out in parallel on the same 35 material. A PCR was carried out with Taq polymerase (Perkin Elmer) under the following conditions: 95°C 5 min, then 95°C 1 min, 55°C 1 min, 72°C 2 min over 35 cycles and 72°C for 8 min and with a final reaction volume of 50 µl.

Primers used for the PCR:

- 5' primer, identified by SEQ ID NO: 122
- 5' GGC ATT GAT AGC ACC CAT CAG 3';
- 3' primer, identified by SEQ ID NO: 123
- 5 5' CAT GTC ACC AGG GTG GAA TAG 3'

10 The primer SEQ ID NO: 122 is specific for the pol region of MSRV-1 and more precisely similar to the integrase region described above. The primer SEQ ID NO 123 was defined on sequences of the clones obtained during preliminary tests.

An amplification product of about 760 bp was obtained only in the test with RT and was cloned in the following manner:

15 the amplified DNA was inserted into a plasmid with the aid of the TA Cloning kit®. The various steps were carried out in accordance with the instructions for the TA Cloning kit® (Invitrogen). At the end of the procedure, the white colonies of recombinant bacteria (white) were subcultured so as to be cultured and allow 20 the extraction of the plasmids incorporated according to the so-called "miniprep" procedure. The plasmid preparation of each recombinant colony was cut with an appropriate restriction enzyme and analyzed on agarose gel. The plasmids possessing an insert detected under 25 UV light after staining the gel with ethidium bromide were selected for the sequencing of the insert after hybridization with a primer complementary to the T7 promoter present on the cloning plasmid of the TA cloning kit®. The reaction prior to the sequencing was 30 then carried out according to the method recommended for using the sequencing kit "PRISM™ Ready Reaction AmpliTaq® FS, DyeDeoxy™ Terminator" (Applied Biosystems, ref. 402119) and the automated sequencing was carried out on the Applied Biosystems 373 A and 377 35 apparatus, according to the manufacturer's instructions.

The LB16 clone obtained contains the sequences corresponding to integrase. The nucleotide sequence of

this clone was identified by SEQ ID NO: 124 in Figure 11, three reading frames are determined.

EXAMPLE 5: PREPARATION OF A CLONE 2, CL2, CONTAINING IN

5 3' A PORTION HOMOLOGOUS TO THE POL GENE, CORRESPONDING TO THE PROTEASE GENE, AND TO THE GAG GENE (GM3) CORRESPONDING TO THE NUCLEOCAPSID, AND A NEW 5' CODING REGION, CORRESPONDING TO THE GAG GENE MORE SPECIFICALLY THE TEMPLATE AND THE CAPSID of MSRV-1.

10 A PCR amplification was carried out on the total RNA extracted from 100 µl of plasma from a patient suffering from MS. A water control, treated under the same conditions, was used as negative control. The synthesis of cDNA was carried out with 15 300 pmol of a random primer (GIBCO-BRL, France) and the reverse transcriptase "Expand RT" (BOEHRINGER MANNHEIM, France) according to the conditions recommended by the company. An amplification by PCR ("polymerase chain reaction") was carried out with the enzyme Tag 20 polymerase (Perkin Elmer, France) using 10 µl of cDNA under the following conditions: 94°C 2 min, 55°C 1 min, 72°C 2 min then 94°C 1 min, 55°C 1 min, 72°C 2 min over 30 cycles and 72°C for 7 min with a final reaction volume of 50 µl.

25 Primers used for the PCR amplification:

- 5' primer, identified by SEQ ID NO: 126
5' CGG ACA TCC AAA GTG ATG GGA AAC G 3' ;
- 3' primer, identified by SEQ ID NO: 127
5' GGA CAG GAA AGT AAG ACT GAG AAG GC 3'

30 A second amplification by so-called "seminested" PCR was carried out with a 5' primer situated inside the region already amplified. This second PCR was carried out under the same experimental conditions as those used during the first PCR, using 35 10 µl of the amplification product derived from the first PCR.

Primers used for the amplification by seminested PCR:

- 5' primer, identified by SEQ ID NO: 128
5' CCT AGA ACG TAT TCT GGA GAA TTG GG 3' ;

- 3' primer, identified by SEQ ID NO: 129

5' TGG CTC TCA ATG GTC AAA CAT ACC CG 3'

The primers SEQ ID NO: [lacuna] and SEQ ID NO: [lacuna] are specific for the pol region, clone G+E+A, 5 more specifically the E region: nucleotide position No. 423 to No. 448. The primers used in the 5' region were defined on sequences of clones obtained during preliminary tests.

An amplification product of 1511 bp was 10 obtained from the RNA extracted from the plasma of an MS patient. The corresponding fragment was not observed for the water control. This amplification product was cloned in the following manner.

The amplified DNA was inserted into a plasmid 15 with the aid of the TA Cloning kit™. The 2 µl of DNA solution were mixed with 5 µl of sterile distilled water, 1 µl of a 10 times concentrated ligation buffer "10X LIGATION BUFFER", 2 µl of "pCR™ VECTOR" (25 ng/ml) and 1 µl of "T4 DNA LIGASE". This mixture was 20 incubated overnight at 14°C. The following steps were carried out in accordance with the instructions of the TA Cloning kit® (Invitrogen). The mixture was plated after transformation of the ligation into *E. coli* INVαF' bacteria. At the end of the procedure, the white 25 colonies of recombinant bacteria were subcultured so as to be cultured and allow the extraction of the plasmids incorporated according to the so-called "DNA minipreparation" procedure (17). The plasmid preparation of each recombinant colony was cut with the 30 restriction enzyme EcoRI and analyzed on agarose gel. The plasmids possessing an insert detected under UV light after staining the gel with ethidium bromide were selected for the sequencing of the insert after hybridization with a primer complementary to the T7 35 promoter present on the cloning plasmid of the TA cloning kit®. The reaction prior to the sequencing was then carried out according to the method recommended for using the sequencing kit "PRISM™ Ready Reaction Amplitaq® FS, DyeDeoxy™ Terminator" (Applied

Biosystems, ref. 402119) and the automated sequencing was carried out on the Applied Biosystems 373 A and 377 apparatus, according to the manufacturer's instructions.

5 The clone obtained, called CL2, contains a C-terminal region similar to the 5' terminal region of the clones G+E+A of MSRV-1, which makes it possible to define the C-terminal region of the gag gene and a new region corresponding to the N-terminal region of the
10 MSRV-1 gag gene.

CL2 makes it possible to define a region of 1511 bp having an open reading frame in the N-terminal region of 1077 bp encoding 359 amino acids and a non-open reading frame of 454 bp corresponding to the
15 C-terminal region of the MSRV-1 gag gene.

The nucleotide sequence of CL2 is identified by SEQ ID NO: 130. It is represented in Figure 6 with the potential reading frames in amino [sic] acid.

The 1077 bp fragment of CL2 encoding 359 amino
20 acids was amplified by PCR with the *Pwo* enzyme (5U/μl) (Boehringer Mannheim, France) using 1 μl of the DNA minipreparation of clone 2 under the following conditions: 95°C 1 min, 60°C 1 min, 72°C 2 min over 25 cycles and with a final reaction volume of 50 μl
25 with the aid of the primers:

- 5' primer (*Bam*HI), identified by SEQ ID NO: 132
5' TGC TGG AAT TCG GGA TCC TAG AAC GTA TTC 3' (30 mer), and
- 3' primer (*Hind*III), identified by SEQ ID NO: 133
30 5 AGT TCT GCT CCG AAG CTT AGG CAG ACT TTT 3' (30 mer) corresponding, respectively, to the nucleotide sequence of clone 2 at position -9 to 21 and 1066 to 1095.

The fragment obtained by PCR was linearized with *Bam*HI and *Hind*III and subcloned into the
35 expression vectors pET28C and pET21C (NOVAGEN) linearized with *Bam*HI and *Hind*III. The sequencing of the DNA of the 1077 bp fragment of clone 2 in the two expression vectors was carried out according to the method recommended for the use of the sequencing kit

"PRISM™ Ready Reaction AmpliTaq® FS, DyeDeoxy™ Terminator" (Applied Biosystems, ref. 402119) and the automated sequencing was carried out on the Applied Biosystems 373 A and 377 apparatus, according to the 5 manufacturer's instructions.

The expression of the nucleotide sequence of the 1077 bp fragment of clone 2 by the expression vectors pET28C and pET21C are identified by SEQ ID NO: 135 and SEQ ID NO: 137, respectively.

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EXAMPLE 6: EXPRESSION OF CLONE 2 IN *ESCHERICHIA COLI*

The constructs pET28c-clone 2 (1077 bp) and pET21C-clone 2 (1077 bp) synthesize, in the bacterial strain BL21 (DE3), a protein fused at the N- and C- 15 terminus for the vector pET28C and the C-terminus for the vector pET21C with 6 Histidines, having an apparent molecular mass of about 45 kDa, identified by SDS-PAGE polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (SDS = Sodium Dodecyl Sulfate) (Laemmli, 1970 (1)). The reactivity of 20 the protein was demonstrated towards an anti-Histidine monoclonal antibody (DIANOVA) by the Western-blot technique (Towbin et al., 1979 (2)).

The recombinant proteins pET28c-clone 2 (1077 bp) and pET21C-clone 2 (1077 bp) were visualized 25 by SDS-PAGE in the insoluble fraction after enzymatic digestion of the bacterial extracts with 50 µl of lysozyme (10 mg/ml) and ultrasound lysis.

The antigenic properties of the recombinant antigens pET28C-clone 2 (1077 bp) and pET21C-clone 2 30 (1077 bp) were tested by Western blotting () [sic] after solubilization of the bacterial pellet with 2% SDS and 50 mM β -mercaptoethanol. After incubation with sera from patients suffering from multiple sclerosis, the sera from neurological controls and the sera from 35 controls at the Blood Transfusion Center (CTS), the immunocomplexes were detected with the aid of an alkaline phosphatase-coupled goat serum anti-human IgG and anti-human IgM.

The results are presented in the table below.

TABLE

Reactivity of sera affected by multiple sclerosis and
controls with the MSRV-1 recombinant protein gag
clone 2 (1077 bp) = pET21C-clone 2 (1077 bp) and
5 pET28C-clone 2 (1077 bp)^a

DISEASE	NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS TESTED	NUMBER OF POSITIVE INDIVIDUALS
MS	15	6 2 (+++), 2 (++), (2 (+)
NEUROLOGICAL		
CONTROLS	2	1 (+++)
HEALTHY		
CONTROLS (CTS)	22	1 (+/-)

10 (a) The strips containing 1.5 µg of recombinant antigen pET-gag clone 2 (1077 bp) exhibit reactivity against sera diluted 1/100. The Western-Blot interpretation is based on the presence or absence of a specific pET-gag clone 2 (1077 bp) band on the strips. Positive and negative controls are included in each experiment.

15 These results show that, under the technical conditions used, about 40% of the human sera affected by multiple sclerosis which were tested react with the recombinant proteins pET28C-clone 2 (1077 bp) and pET21C-clone 2 (1077 bp). Reactivity was observed on a 20 neurological control and it is of interest to note that the RNAs extracted from this serum, after the reverse transcriptase step, are also amplified by PCR in the pol region. This suggests that people who have not declared MS may also harbor and express this virus. On 25 the other hand, an apparently healthy control (CTS donor) possesses anti-gag (clone 2, 1077 bp) antibodies. This is compatible with an immunity acquired against MSRV-1 independently of a declared associated autoimmune disease.

EXAMPLE 7: PREPARATION OF AN LB13 CLONE CONTAINING IN 3' A PORTION HOMOLOGOUS TO CLONE 2 CORRESPONDING TO THE GAG GENE AND IN 5' A PORTION HOMOLOGOUS TO THE 5M6 CLONE CORRESPONDING TO THE U5 LTR REGION

5 An RT-PCR ("reverse transcriptase-polymerase chain reaction") was carried out using total RNA extracted from virions, obtained from supernatants of B lymphocyte cells of patients suffering from multiple sclerosis, concentrated by ultracentrifugations. The 10 synthesis of cDNA was carried out with a specific primer SEQ No. XXX and the reverse transcriptase "ExpandTM RT" from BOEHRINGER MANNHEIM according to the conditions recommended by the company.

15 Primer used for the synthesis of the cDNA, identified by SEQ ID NO: 138:

5' CTT GGA GGG TGC ATA ACC AGG GAA T 3'

20 A PCR amplification was carried out with *Taq* polymerase (Perkin Elmer, France) under the following conditions: 94°C 1 min, 55°C 1 min, 72°C 2 min over 35 cycles at 72°C for 7 min and with a final reaction volume of 100 µl.

Primers used for the PCR amplification:

- 5' primer, identified by SEQ ID NO: 139

5' TGT CCG CTG TGC TCC TGA TC 3'

25 - 3' primer, identified by SEQ ID NO: 138

5' CTT GGA GGG TGC ATA ACC AGG GAA T 3'

30 A second so-called "seminested" PCR amplification was carried out with a 3' primer situated inside the region already amplified. This second amplification was carried out under the same experimental conditions as those used during the first amplification, using 10 µl of the amplification product derived from the first PCR.

Primers used for the "seminested" PCR amplification:

35 - 5' primer, identified by SEQ ID NO: 139

5' TGT CCG CTG TGC TCC TGA TC 3'

- 3' primer, identified by SEQ ID NO: 140

5' CTA TGT CCT TTT GGA CTG TTT GGG T 3'

The primers SEQ ID NO: 138 and SEQ ID NO: 140 are specific for the gag region, clone 2 nucleotide position No. 373-397 and No. 433-456. The primers used in the 5' region were defined on sequences of the 5 clones obtained during preliminary tests.

An amplification product of 764 bp was obtained and cloned in the following manner:

The amplified DNA was inserted into a plasmid with the aid of the TA Cloning kit™. The 2 µl of DNA 10 solution were mixed with 5 µl of sterile distilled water, 1 µl of a 10 times concentrated ligation buffer "10X LIGATION BUFFER", 2 µl of "pCR™ VECTOR" (25 ng/ml) and 1 µl of "T4 DNA LIGASE". This mixture was incubated overnight at 14°C. The following steps were 15 carried out in accordance with the instructions of the TA Cloning kit® (Invitrogen). The mixture was plated after transformation of the ligation into *E. coli* INVαF' bacteria. At the end of the procedure, the white colonies of recombinant bacteria were subcultured so as 20 to be cultured and allow the extraction of the plasmids incorporated according to the so-called "DNA minipreparation" procedure (17). The plasmid preparation of each recombinant colony was cut with the restriction enzyme EcoRI and analyzed on agarose gel. 25 The plasmids possessing an insert detected under UV light after staining the gel with ethidium bromide were selected for the sequencing of the insert after hybridization with a primer complementary to the T7 promoter present on the cloning plasmid of the TA 30 cloning kit®. The reaction prior to the sequencing was then carried out according to the method recommended for using the sequencing kit "PRISM™ Ready Reaction AmpliTaq® FS, DyeDeoxy™ Terminator" (Applied Biosystems, ref. 402119) and the automated sequencing 35 was carried out on the Applied Biosystems 373 A and 377 apparatus, according to the manufacturer's instructions.

The LB13 clone obtained contains an N-terminal region of MSRV-1 gag gene homologous to clone 2 and an

LTR corresponding to a portion of the U5 region. Between the U5 region and gag, a binding site for the transfer RNAs, the PBS "primer binding site", was identified.

5 The nucleotide sequence of the 764 bp fragment of the LB13 clone in the plasmid "pCR™ vector" is represented in the identifier SEQ ID NO: 141.

10 The binding site for the transfer RNAs, having a sequence of PBS tryptophan type, was identified at nucleotide position No. 342-359 of the LB13 clone.

15 As this same PBS was found in the endogenous copies homologous to MSRV1, the endogenous family thus defined is henceforth called HERV W, according to the nomenclature proposed for the endogenous retrovirus families (W=tryptophan).

A short ORF of about 65 amino acids was found in the U5 region of the 5' LTR of the LB13 clone.

Sequence of the ORF:

20 PMASNRAITLTAWSKIPFLGIRETKPRSENTRLATMLEAAHHFGSSPPLSWEL
WEQGPQVTIW.

The corresponding nucleotide sequence starting at an ATG codon is capable of being expressed in a subgenomic DNA from a proviral LTR (U3RU5).

25 Another clone, called LA15, was obtained on the total RNA extracted from virions concentrated by ultracentrifugation from a culture supernatant of synoviocytes obtained from a patient suffering from rheumatoid arthritis. The strategy for amplifying and cloning the LA15 clone is exactly the same which was 30 used for the LB13 clone.

35 The nucleotide sequence of the LA15 clone, which is represented in the identifier SEQ ID NO: 142, is very similar to the LD13 clone. This suggests that the MSVR-1 retrovirus detected in multiple sclerosis has sequences which are similar to those found in rheumatoid arthritis.

EXAMPLE 8: RECONSTRUCTION OF AN RU5-GAG REGION FROM THE CLONES LB15, LB13, CL2 AND CL17

The clones CL2 and LB13 have already been described in the preceding examples. The LB15 clone was obtained using the R sequence of the LTR of the c16 clone in order to define a primer in 5' and the anti-sense primers used are the same as for the LB13 clone. The CL17 clone was obtained by nested RT-PCR using the following primers:

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5' -TCATGCAACTGCACCTTCTGGTCCG-3' (sense)
5' -TCTTGCACTAACCTCCACTGTCCGGTGG-3' (antisense)

15

5' -ATCCCCCAGTAACAATTGGTGACCACG-3' (sense)
5' -TCGGGTCTAACAGAGGGTACTTCCTTGTTAGG-3' (antisense)

20

The LB15 clone was obtained from virions obtained by culturing MS cells. The LB17 clone was obtained from culturing plasma from an MS patient.

These overlapping clones made it possible to reconstruct an RU5-gag sequence with a potential ORF in the gag gene, as presented in Figure 14.

EXAMPLE 9: PREPARATION OF A CLONE 87-23

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The region corresponding to integrase was amplified and cloned from MS plasma using a seminested RT PCR with the following primers situated in the pol and env regions of MSRV1.

In the pol region:

30

5' -TTACGCAGGTCTCAGGGATGAGCTT-3' (sense-primary PCR)
5' -CGGCAGTAGCAGTCTTAGTATCTGAAGCAGTTA-3' (sense-secondary PCR)

In the env region,

35

5' -GGTACGGAGGGTTCATGTAGTTTGAG-3' (anti-sense primary and secondary PCR)

The amplified clone contains 774 bp in the pol/RT region, all the integrase region (1197 bp) and

the start of the env region (480 bp). The nucleotide sequence corresponding to the integrase region and the translation to amino acids of the potential ORF are presented in Figure 15.

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EXAMPLE 10: CONFIRMATION OF THE PRESENCE OF RNA CONTAINING ENV SEQUENCES RELATED TO ERV9 IN THE RETROVIRAL PARTICLES ASSOCIATED WITH THE MSRV1 GENOME:

Sequences related to ERV9 have been found in a minor proportion in the virion preparations obtained from MS compared with the MSRV1 sequences. The existence of phenomena of co-encapsidation of phylogenetically related endogenous sequences into retroviral particles produced by a replicative strain has been described. Surprisingly, an RNA region comprising an ORF starting in the 3' portion of env and continuing potentially into the 3' LTR has been found in various MS samples. In order to specify the existence of an ORF, transcription-translation tests were carried out and made it possible to show the reality of an env ORF containing the entire transmembrane (TM) portion and ending at the start of the putative LTR. However, an additional frame (ORFX) follows and continues in the 3' LTR. The two products of expression were visualized and their respective ORFs were subcloned. Figure 16 represents the nucleotide and peptide sequences of the B13 clone already described, specifying the ORFs in the truncated env region and in the putative LTR. The presence of such RNAs may be responsible for recombinations with the replicative strain and consequently generate strains having a modified pathogenicity.

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CLAIMS

1. Nucleic material, in isolated or purified state, comprising a nucleotide sequence chosen from the 5 group which consists of (i) the sequences SEQ ID NO: 112, SEQ ID NO: 114, SEQ ID NO: 117, SEQ ID NO: 120, SEQ ID NO: 124, SEQ ID NO: 130, SEQ ID NO: 141 and SEQ ID NO: 142; (ii) the sequences complementary to sequences (i); and (iii) the sequences 10 equivalent to sequences (i) or (ii), in particular the sequences having, for every series of 100 contiguous monomers, at least 50%, and preferentially at least 70% homology with sequences (i) or (ii) respectively.

2. Nucleic material, in isolated or purified 15 state, encoding a polypeptide having, for every contiguous series of at least 30 amino acids, at least 50%, and preferably at least 70% homology with a peptide sequence chosen from the group which consists of SEQ ID NO: 113, SEQ ID NO: 115, SEQ ID NO: 118, SEQ ID NO: 121, SEQ ID NO: 135 and SEQ ID NO: 137.

3. Retroviral nucleic material, whose pol gene comprises a nucleotide sequence identical or equivalent to a sequence chosen from the group which consists of 20 SEQ ID NO: 112, SEQ ID NO: 124 and their complementary sequences.

4. Retroviral nucleic material, in which the 5' end of the pol gene starts at nucleotide 1419 of SEQ ID NO: 130.

5. Retroviral nucleic material, in which the pol 25 gene encodes a polypeptide having, for every contiguous series of at least 30 amino acids, at least 50%, and preferably at least 70% homology with the peptide sequence SEQ ID NO: 113.

6. Retroviral nucleic material, in which the 3' 30 end of the gag gene ends at nucleotide 1418 of SEQ ID NO: 130.

7. Retroviral nucleic material, in which the env gene comprises a nucleotide sequence identical or

equivalent to a sequence chosen from the group which consists of SEQ ID NO: 117, and its complementary sequences.

8. Retroviral nucleic material, in which the env 5 gene comprises a nucleotide sequence which starts at nucleotide 1 of SEQ ID NO: 117 and ends at nucleotide at nucleotide [sic] 233 of SEQ ID NO: 114.

9. Retroviral nucleic material, in which the env 10 gene encodes a polypeptide having, for every contiguous series of at least 30 amino acids, at least 50%, and preferably at least 70% homology with the sequence SEQ ID NO: 118.

10. Retroviral nucleic material in which the U3R 15 region of the 3' LTR comprises a nucleotide sequence which ends at nucleotide 617 of SEQ ID NO: 114.

11. Retroviral nucleic material in which the RU5 20 region of the 5' LTR comprises a nucleotide sequence which starts at nucleotide 755 of SEQ ID NO: 120 and ends at nucleotide 337 of SEQ ID NO: 141 or SEQ ID NO: 142.

12. Retroviral nucleic material comprising a sequence which starts at nucleotide 755 of SEQ ID NO: 120 and which ends at nucleotide 617 of SEQ ID NO: 114.

13. Retroviral nucleic material according to any 25 one of the preceding claims, characterized in that it is associated with at least one autoimmune disease such as multiple sclerosis or rheumatoid arthritis.

14. Nucleotide fragment comprising a nucleotide sequence chosen from the group which consists of (i) 30 the sequences SEQ ID NO: 112, SEQ ID NO: 114, SEQ ID NO: 117, SEQ ID NO: 120, SEQ ID NO: 124, SEQ ID NO: 130, SEQ ID NO: 141 and SEQ ID NO: 142; (ii) the sequences complementary to sequences (i); and (iii) the sequences equivalent to sequences (i) or (ii), in 35 particular the sequences having, for every series of 100 contiguous monomers, at least 50%, and preferentially at least 70% homology with sequences (i) or (ii) respectively.

15. Nucleotide fragment according to Claim 14, consisting of a nucleotide sequence chosen from the group which consists of (i) the sequences SEQ ID NO: 112, SEQ ID NO: 114, SEQ ID NO: 117, 5 SEQ ID NO: 120, SEQ ID NO: 124, SEQ ID NO: 130, SEQ ID NO: 141 and SEQ ID NO: 142; (ii) the sequences complementary to sequences (i); and (iii) the sequences equivalent to sequences (i) or (ii), in particular the sequences having, for every series of 100 contiguous 10 monomers, at least 50%, and preferentially at least 70% homology with sequences (i) or (ii) respectively.

16. Nucleotide fragment comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide having, for every contiguous series of at least 30 amino acids, at least 15 50%, and preferably at least 70% homology with a peptide sequence chosen from the group which consists of SEQ ID NO: 113, SEQ ID NO: 115, SEQ ID NO: 118, SEQ ID NO: 121, SEQ ID NO: 135 and SEQ ID NO: 137.

17. Nucleotide fragment according to claim 16, 20 consisting of a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide having, for every contiguous series of at least 30 amino acids, at least 50%, and preferably at least 70% homology with a peptide sequence chosen from the group which consists of SEQ ID NO: 113, SEQ ID NO: 115, SEQ ID NO: 118, SEQ ID NO: 121, SEQ ID NO: 135 and 25 SEQ ID NO: 137.

18. Nucleic probe for the detection of a retrovirus associated with multiple sclerosis and/or rheumatoid arthritis, characterized in that it is capable of 30 hybridizing specifically with any fragment according to any one of claims 14 to 17, belonging to the genome of said retrovirus.

19. Probe according to claim 18, characterized in that it possesses from 10 to 100 nucleotides, 35 preferably from 10 to 30 nucleotides.

20. Primer for the amplification, by polymerization, of an RNA or of a DNA of a retrovirus associated with multiple sclerosis and/or rheumatoid

5 arthritis, characterized in that it comprises a nucleotide sequence identical or equivalent to at least a portion of the nucleotide sequence of a fragment according to any one of claims 8 to 11, in particular a nucleotide sequence having, for every series of 10 contiguous monomers, at least 50%, preferably at least 70% homology with at least said portion of said fragment.

10 21. Primer according to claim 20, characterized in that its nucleotide sequence is chosen from SEQ ID NO: 116, SEQ ID NO: 119, SEQ ID NO: 122, SEQ ID NO: 123, SEQ ID NO: 126, SEQ ID NO: 127, SEQ ID NO: 128, SEQ ID NO: 129, SEQ ID NO: 132, and SEQ ID NO: 133.

15 22. RNA or DNA, and in particular replication and/or expression vector, comprising a genomic fragment of the nucleic material according to any one of claims 1 to 7 or a fragment according to any one of claims 14 to 17.

20 23. Peptide encoded by any open reading frame belonging to a nucleotide fragment according to any one of claims 14 to 17, in particular a polypeptide, for example oligopeptide forming or comprising an antigenic determinant recognized by sera of patients infected with the MSRV-1 virus, and/or in whom the MSRV-1 virus has been reactivated.

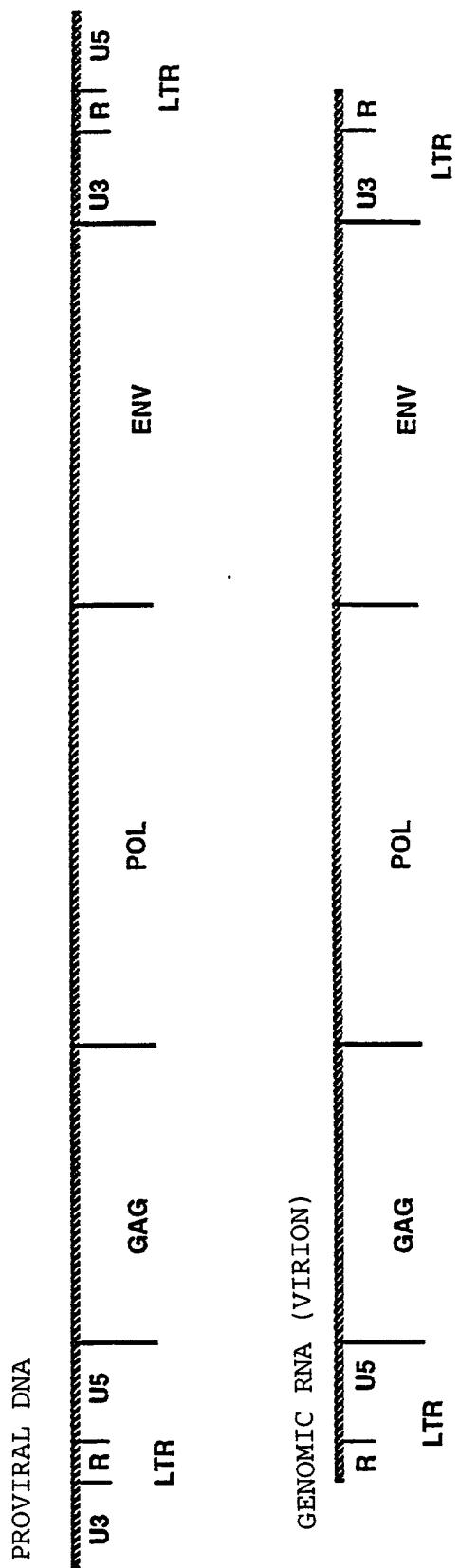
25 24. Peptide according to claim 23 comprising a sequence identical, partially or completely, or equivalent to a sequence chosen from SEQ ID NO: 113, SEQ ID NO: 115, SEQ ID NO: 118, SEQ ID NO: 121, SEQ ID NO: 135 and SEQ ID NO: 137.

30 25. Diagnostic, prophylactic or therapeutic composition, in particular for inhibiting the expression of at least one retrovirus associated with multiple sclerosis and/or rheumatoid arthritis, comprising a nucleotide fragment according to any one of claims 14 to 17.

26. Method for detecting a retrovirus associated with multiple sclerosis and/or rheumatoid arthritis, in a biological sample, characterized in that an RNA and/or a DNA assumed to belong to or obtained from said 5 retrovirus, or their complementary RNA and/or DNA, is brought into contact with a composition comprising a nucleotide fragment according to any one of claims 14 to 17.

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FIG 1



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FIG 2

10	20	30	40	50	
<u>1234567890</u>					50
<u>1234567890</u>					50
GCTTATAGAA GGACCCCTAG TATGGGGTAA TCCCCCTCTGG GAAACCAAGC					50
A	Y	R	R	T	P
L	I	E	G	P	L
.	K	D	P	.	Y
					G
					V
					I
					P
					S
					G
					K
					P
					S
CCCAGTACTC AGCAGGAAAA ATAGAATAGG AAAACCTCACCA AGGACATACT					100
P	V	L	S	R	K
Q	Y	S	A	G	K
P	S	T	Q	Q	E
					K
					.
					N
					R
					K
					P
					H
					K
					D
					I
					L
TTCCCTCCCT CCAGATGGCT AGCCACTGAG GAAGGAAAAA TACTTTCA					150
P	P	L	Q	M	A
F	L	P	S	R	W
S	S	P	P	D	G
					.
					P
					L
					R
					K
					V
					W
					L
TGCAGCTAAC CAACAGAAAT TACTTAAAC CCTTCACCAA ACCTTCAC					200
C	S	.	P	T	E
A	A	N	Q	Q	K
Q	L	T	N	R	N
L	K	T	Y	L	K
T	L	H	L	K	P
H	Q	Q	Y	Y	F
F	T	F	T	K	H
T	H	H	S	S	L
					P
					T
					C
					A
					C
TAGGCATIGA TAGCACCAT CAGATGGCCA AATTATTATT TACTGGACCA					250
R	H	.	.	H	P
G	I	D	S	T	H
A	L	I	A	P	I
					R
					W
					P
					N
					Y
					Y
					L
					D
					Q
GGCCTTICA AAACATATCAA GAAGATAGTC AGGGCTGTG AAGTGTGCCA					300
P	F	Q	N	Y	Q
G	L	F	K	T	I
A	F	S	K	L	S
					R
					.
					S
					G
					A
					V
					K
					C
					A
					K
AAGAAATAAT					310
K	K	.			
R	N	N			
E	I				

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FIG 2 (continued)

10	20	30	40	50
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890
CCCTGIAATCT	TTAACCTCCCT	TGTTAAGTTT	GICICCTTCCA	GAATCAAAAC
P C I F N L L	V K F V S S R	I K T		
P V S L T S L	L S L S L P	E S K L		
L Y L . P P C .	V C L F Q	N Q N		
TGTAAAACCAAAATTGTC TTCAAATGGA GCACCAAGATG GAGTCATGA				
V K L Q I V L	Q M E H Q M	E S M T		
. N Y K L F	F K W S T R W	S P .		
C K T T N C S	S N G A P D G	V H D		
CTAAGATCCA CCGTGGACCC CTGGACCGGC CTGCTAGCCC ATGCTCGAT				
K I H R G P	L D R P A S P	C S D		
L R S T V D P	W T G L L A H	A P M		
. D P P W T P	G P A C . P	M L R C		
GTTAAATGACA TTGAAGGCAC CCCTCCCGAG GAAATCTCAA CTGCACAAACC				
V N D I E G T	P P E E I S T	A Q P		
L M T L K A P	L P R K S Q	L H N P		
. . H . R H	P S R G N L N	C T T		
CCTACTATGCC CCCAATTCAG CGGGAAAGCAG TTAGAGCGGT CATCAGCCAA				
L L C P N S A	G S S . S G	H Q P T		
Y Y A P I Q	R E A V R A V	I S Q		
P T M P Q F S	G K Q L E R S	S A N		
CCTCCCCAAC AGCACTTGGG TTTTCCCTGTT GAGAGGGGGG ACTGAGAGAC				
S P T A L G F S C . E G G	L R D			
P P Q Q H L G F P V	E R G D . E T			
L P N S T W V F L L	R G G T E R Q			
AGGACTAGCT GGATTTCTTA GGCCAAAGAA GAATCCCTAA GCCTAGCTGG				
R T S W I S . A N E E S L S	L A G			
G L A G F P R P T K N P . A . L G				
D . L D F L G O R R I P K	P S W			

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FIG 3

10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	
GAAGGTGACT	GCATCCACCT	CTAAACATGG	GGCTTGCAAC	TTAGCTACAA	400
K V T	A S T S	K H G	A C N	L A H T	
R . L	H P P	L N M G	L A T	. L T	
E G D C	I H L	. T W	G L Q L	S S H	
CCCGACCAAT CAGAGAGCTC ACTAAAATGC TAATTAGGCA AAAATAGGAG					450
R P I	R E L	T K M L	I R Q K	. E	
P D Q S	E S S	L K C	. L G K	N R R	
P T N	Q R A H	. N A N	. A K I G G		
GTAAAGAAAT AGCCAATCAT CTATTGCCTG AGAGCACAGC GGGAGGGACA					500
V K K	. P I I	Y C L	R A Q R	E G Q	
. R N	S Q S S	I A	. E H S	G R D K	
K E I	A N H	L L P E	S T A	G G T	
AGGATCGGGA TATAAACCCA GGCATTGAG COGGCAACGG CAACCCCCCTT					550
G S G	Y K P R	H S S	R Q R	Q P P L	
D R D	I N P	G I R A	G N G	N P L	
R I G I	. T Q	A F E	P A T A	T P F	
TGGGTCCTCTT CCTTCTGAT GGGCGCTCTG TTTTCACTCT ATTTCACCTCT					600
G P L	P L Y	G R S V	F T L	F H S	
W V P S	L C M	G A L	F S L Y	F T L	
G S P	P F V W	A L C	F H S	I S L Y	
ATTAATCTT GCAACTGAAA AAAAAAAA AAAAA					635
I K S C	N . K	K K K	K		
L N L	A T E K	K K K	K		
. I L	Q L K	K K K	K		

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FIG 4

10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	
ATGGCCCTCC	CTTATCATACT	TTTCTCTTT	ACTGTTCTCT	TACCCCCTTT	50
M A L P	Y H T	F L F	T V L L	P P F	
W P S	L I I L	F S L	L F S	Y P L S	
G P P	L S Y	F S L Y	C S L	T P F	
CGCTCTCACT	GCACCCCTC	CATGCTGCTG	TACAACCACT	AGCTCCCTT	100
A L T	A P P P	C C C	T T S	S S P Y	
L S L	H P L	H A A V	Q P V	A P L	
R S H C	T P S	M L L	Y N Q .	L P L	
ACCAAGAGIT	TCTATGAAGA	ACGGGGCTTC	CTGGAAATAT	TGATGCCCCA	150
Q E F	L . R	T R L P	G N I	D A P	
T K S F	Y E E	R G F	L E I L	M P H	
P R V	S M K N	A A S	W K Y .	C P I	
TCATATAGGA	GTTTATCTAA	GGGAAACTCC	ACCTTCACIG	CCCACACCCA	200
S Y R S	L S K	G N S	T F T A	H T H	
H I G	V Y L R	E T P	P S L	P T P I	
I . E F I .	G K L H	L H C	P H P		
TATGCCCCGC	AACTGCTATA	ACTCTGCCAC	TCTTTCATG	CATGCAAATA	250
M P R	N C Y N	S A T	L C M	H A N T	
C P A	T A I	T L P L	F A C	M Q I	
Y A P Q	L L .	L C H	S L H A	C K Y	
CICATTATTG	GACAGGGAAA	ATGATTAATC	CTAGTTGTCC	TGGAGGACIT	300
H Y W	T G K	M I N P	S C P	G G L	
L I I G	Q G K .	L I	L V V L	E D L	
S L L	D R E N	D . S .	L S	W R T W	
GGAGCCACTG	TCTGTTGGAC	TTACTTCACC	CATACCACTA	TGCTCTGATGG	350
G A T V	C W T	Y F T	H T S M	S D G	
E P L	S V G L	T S P	I P V	C L M G	
S H C	L L D	L L H P	Y Q Y	V . W	

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FIG 4 (continued)

10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890
ACCTCACCTG	TGIAAAATTT	ACCAATACTA	TAGACACAAC	CAGCTCCAA	750
L T C	V K F	S N T I	D T T	S S Q	
T S P V	. N L A I L	. T Q P	A P N		
P H L	C K I	. Q Y Y	R H N	Q L P M	
TGCATCAGGT GGGTAAACACC TCCCACACGA ATAGCTGCC TACCCCTCAGG					800
C I R W	V T P	P T R	I V C L	P S G	
A S G	G . H L	P H E	. S A	Y P Q E	
H Q V	G N T	S H T N	S L P	T L R	
AATATTTTTT GTCTGIGGTA CCTCAGCTTA TCATTTGTTG AATGGCTCTT					850
I F F	V C G T	S A Y	H C L	N G S S	
Y F L	S V V	P Q P I	I V .	M A L	
N I F C	L W Y	L S L	S L F E	W L F	
CAGAACATAT GTGCCTCCCTC TCATTCTTAG TGCCCCATAT GACCACCTAC					900
E S M	C F L	S F L V	P P M	T I Y	
Q N L C	A S S	H S .	C P L .	P S T	
R I Y	V L P L	I L S	A P Y	D H L H	
ACTGAACAAG ATTTATACAA TCATGTCGTA CCTAAGCCCC ACAACAAAAG					950
T E Q D	L Y N	H V V	P K P H	N K R	
L N K	I Y T I	M S Y	L S P	T T K E	
. T R	F I Q	S C R T	. A P	Q Q K	
AGTACCCATT CTTCCTTTTG TTATCAGAGC AGGAGTCCTA GGCAGACIAG					1000
V P I	L P F V	I R A	G V L	G R L G	
Y P F	F L L	L S E Q	E C .	A D .	
S T H S	S F C	Y Q S	R S A R	Q T R	
GTACTGGCAT TGGCAGTATC ACAACCTCTA CTCAGTCTA CTACAAACTA					1050
T G I	G S I	T T S T	Q F Y	Y K L	
V L A L	A V S	Q P L	L S S T	T N Y	
Y W H	W Q Y H	N L Y	S V L	L Q T I	

FIG 4 (continued)

10	20	30	40	50
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890
TCICAAGAAA	TAAATGGIGA	CATGGAACAG	GTCACIGACT	CCCGGGICAC
S Q E I	N G D M E Q	V T D S	L V T	
L K K .	M V T W N R	S L T	P W S P	
S R N K W .	H G T G H .	L P G H		
CTTGCAAGAT	CAACTTAACT	CCCTAGCAGC	AGTAGCCTT	CAAAATCGAA
L Q D Q L N S	L A A V V L	Q N R R		1150
C K I N L T P .	Q Q .	S F K I E		
L A R S T .	L P S S S S P S	K S K		
GAGCTTTAGA	CTTGCTAACCC	GCCAAAAGAG	GGGGAACCCIG	TTTATTTTA
A L D L L T	A K R G	G T C	L F L	
E L . T C . P	P K E G . E P V	Y F .		
S F R L A N R	Q K R G N L	F I F R		
GGAGAAGAAC	GCTGTTATTA	TGTTAATCAA	TCAGAATIG	TCACIGAGAA
G E E R C Y Y	V N Q	S R I V	T E K	1250
E K N A V I M	L I N	P E L	S L R K	
R R T L L L C .	S I Q N C H .	E		
AGITAAAGAA	ATTOGAGATC	GAATACAATG	TAGAGCAGAG	GAGCTICAAA
V K E I R D R	I Q C	R A E	E L Q N	1300
L K K F E I	E Y N V	E Q R	S F K	
S . R N S R S	N T M .	S R G	A S K	
ACACCGAACG	CTGGGGCCTC	CTCAGCCAAT	GGATGCCCTG	GGCTCTCCCC
T E R W G L	L S Q W	M P W	V L P	1350
T P N A G A S	S A N	G C P G	F S P	
H R T L G P P	Q P M	D A L	G S P L	
TCTCTAGGAC	CTCTAGCAGC	TCTAATATTG	TTCACCTCT	TTCGGACCCCTG
F L G P L A A	L I L	L L L F	G P C	1400
S . D L . Q L .	Y C	Y S S	L D P V	
L R T S S S	S N I V	T P L	W T L	

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FIG 4 (continued)

10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	
TATCCTTAAC	CTCCCTTGTAA	AGTTTGTCCTC	TTCCAGAAATT	GAAGCTGTAA	1450
I F N	L L V K	F V S	S R I	E A V K	
S L T	S L L	S L S L	P E L	K L .	
Y L .	P P C .	V C L	F Q N .	S C K	
AGCTACAGAT GGCTTACAA ATGGAACCCC A					1481
L Q M	V L Q	M E P			
S Y R W	S Y K	W N P			
A T D	G L T N	G T P			

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FIG 5

10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890
TCAAAATCGA	AGAGCTTCTAG	ACTTGCTAAC	CGCCAAAAGA	GGGGGAACCT	50
S K S K	S F R	L A N	R Q K R	G N L	
Q N R	R A L D	L L T	A K R	G G T C	
K I E	E L .	T C .	P P K E	G E P	
GTTTATTTTT AGGGGAAGAA TGCCTGTTAGT ATGTTAAATCA ATCIGGAATC					100
F I F	R G R M	L L V C .	S I W N H		
L F L	G E E C C .	Y V N Q	S G I		
V Y F .	G K N A V S M L I N	L E S			
ATTACTGAGA AAGTTAAAGA AATTTGAGAT CGAATATAAT GTAGAGCAGA					150
Y . E S . R N L R S N I M . S R					
I T E K V K E	I . D R I . C R A E				
L L R K L K K	F E I E Y N V E Q R				
GGACCTTCAA AACACTGCAC CCTGGGGCCT CCTCAGCCAA TGGATGCCCT					200
G P S K H C T	L G P P Q P M D A L				
D L Q N T A P	W G L L S Q W M P W				
T F K T L H	P G A S S A N G C P				
GGACTCTCCC CTCTCTAGGA CCTCTAGCAG CTATAATATT TTACTCTCTC					250
D S P L L R T	S S S Y N I F T P L				
T L P F L G	P L A A I I F L L L				
G L S P S . D	L . Q L . Y F Y S S				
TTTGGACCT GTATCTCAA CTCTCTGTT AAGTTTGCT CTCCAGAAT					300
W T L Y L Q	L P C . V C L F Q N				
F G P C I F N	F L V K F V S S R I				
L D P V S S T	S L L S L S L P E L				
TGAAGCTGTA AAGCTACAAA TAGTTCTCA AATGGAACCC CAGATGCAGT					350
. S C K A T N	S S S N G T P D A V				
E A V K L Q I	V L Q M E P Q M Q S				
K L . S Y K .	F F K W N P R C S				

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FIG 5 (continued)

10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	400
CCATGACTAA	AATCTACCGT	GGACCCCTGG	ACCGGCCTGC	TAGACTATGC	
H D .	N L P W	T P G	P A C .	T M L	
M T K	I Y R	G P L D	R P A	R L C	
P . L K	S T V	D P W	T G L L	D Y A	
TCTGATGTTA	ATGACATTGA	AGTCACCCCT	CCCGAGGAAA	TCTCAACTGC	450
. C . . H .	S H P S	R G N	L N C		
S D V N	D I E	V T P	P E E I	S T A	
L M L	M T L K	S P L	P R K	S Q L H	
ACAAACCCCTA	CTACACTCCA	ATTCAGTCTG	AAGCAGTTAG	AGCAGTTGTC	500
T T P T	T L Q	F S R	K Q L E	Q L S	
Q P L	L H S N	S V G	S S .	S S C Q	
N P Y	Y T P	I Q .	E A V R	A V V	
AGCCAACCTC	CCCAACAGTA	CTTGGGTTTT	CCTGTTGAGA	GGGTGGACIG	550
A N L	P N S T	W V F	L L R	G W T E	
P T S	P T V	L G F S	C . E	G G L	
S Q P P	Q Q Y	L G F	P V E R	V D .	
AGAGACAGGA	CTAGCTGGAT	TTCCTAGGCT	GACTAAGAAT	CCCTAAAGCT	600
R Q D .	L D F L G .	L R I	P K P		
R D R T	S W I S .	A D .	E S X S L		
E T G	L A G F	P R L	T K N	P X A X	
ANCTGGGAAG	GTGACCGCAT	CCATCTTAA	ACATGGGCT	TGCAACTAG	650
X W E G	D R I H L .	T W G L	Q L S		
X G K	V T A S	I F K	H G A C N L A		
L G R .	P H P S L N	M G L	A T .		
CTCACACCOG	ACCAATCAGA	GAGCTCACTA	AAATGCTAAT	CAGGAAAAA	700
S H P	T N Q R A H .	N A N	Q A K T		
H T R	P I R E L T K	M L I	R Q K		
L T P D	Q S E S S L	K C .	S G K N		

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FIG 5 (continued)

10	20	30	40	50	
<u>1234567890</u>	<u>1234567890</u>	<u>1234567890</u>	<u>1234567890</u>	<u>1234567890</u>	
CAGGAGGTAA	AGCAATAGCC	AATCATCTAT	TGCTTGAGAG	CACAGCGGGA	750
G G K	A I A	N H L L	P E S	T A G	
Q E V K	Q . P	I I Y	C L R A	Q R E	
R R .	S N S Q	S S I	A . E	H S G K	
AGGACAAGGA	TTGGGATATA	AACTCAGGCA	TTCAAGCCAG	CAACAGCAAC	800
R T R I	G I .	T Q A	F K P A	T A T	
G Q G	L G Y K	L R H	S S Q	Q Q Q P	
D K D	W D I	N S G I	Q A S	N S N	
CCCCCTTGGG	TCCCCCTCCCA	TTGTATGGGA	GCTCTGTTT	CACTCTATT	850
P F G	S P P I	V W E	L C F	H S I S	
P L G	P L P	L Y G S	S V F	T L F	
P L W V	P S H	C M G	A L F S	L Y F	
CACTCTATT	AATCATGCAA	CTGCACTCTT	CTGGTCCGTG	TTTTTTATGG	900
L Y .	I M Q	L H S S	G P C	F L W	
H S I K	S C N	C T L	L V R V	F Y G	
T L L	N H A T	A L F	W S V	F F M A	
CICAAGCTGA	GCTTTCTTC	CCCATCCACC	ACTGCTGTT	GCCACCGTCA	950
L K L S	F C S	P S T	T A V C	H R H	
S S .	A F V R	H P P	L L F	A T V T	
Q A E	L L F	A I H H	C C L	P P S	
CAGACCGCT	GCTGACTTCC	ATCCCCTTGG	ATCCAGCAGA	GTGTCCACTG	1000
R P A	A D F H	P F G	S S R	V S T V	
D P L	L T S	I P L D	P A E	C P L	
Q T R C	. L P	S L W	I Q Q S	V H C	
TGCTCTGAT	CCAGCGAGGT	ACCCATIGGC	ACTCCCGATC	AGGCTAAAGG	1050
L L I	Q R G	T H C H	S R S	G . R	
C S .	S S E V	P I A	T P D Q	A K G	
A P D	P A R Y	P L P	L P I	R L K A	

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FIG 5 (continued)

10	20	30	40	50		
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1100	
CTTGCCATTG	TTCCTGGATG	GCTAAGTGCC	TGGGTTTGIC	CTAATAGAAC		
L A I V	P A W	L S A	W V C P	N R T		
L P L	F L H G	. V P	G F V	L I E L		
C H C	S C M	A K C L	G L S	. . N		
TGAACACTGG	TCACTGGGT	CCATGGTCT	CITCCATGAC	CCACGGCTTC	1150	
E H W	S L G S	M V L	F H D	P R L L		
N T G	H W V	P W F S	S M T	H G F		
. T L V	T G F	H G S	L P	. P T A S		
TAATAGAGCT	ATAACACTCA	CCGCATGGCC	CAAGATTCCA	TTCCTGGTA	1200	
I E L	. H S	P H G P	R F H	S L V		
. . S Y	N T H	R M A	Q D S I	P W Y		
N R A	I T L T	A W P	K I P	F L G I		
TCTGTGAGGC	CAAGAACCCC	AGGTCAAGAGA	ANGTGAGGCT	TGCCACCAATT	1250	
S V R P	R T P	G Q R X	. G L	P P F		
L . G	Q E P Q	V R E	X E A	C H H L		
C E A	K N P	R S E X	V R L	A T I		
TGGGAAGTGG	CCCACTGCCA	TTTTGGTAGC	GGCCCACCAAC	CATCTGGGA	1300	
G K W	P T A I	L V A	A H H	H L G S		
G S G	P L P	F W	. R	P T T	I L G	
W E V A	H C H	F G S	G P P P P	S W E		
GCTGTGGGAG	CAAGGATCCC	CCAGTAACA			1329	
C G S	K D P	P V T				
A V G A	R I P	Q .				
L W E	Q G S P	S N				

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FIG 6

10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890
CCTAGAACGT	ATTCCTGGAGA	ATTCGGACCA	ATGTTGACACT	CAGACGCTAA	50
P R T Y	S G E	L G P M	. H S . D A K		
L E R I	L E N	W D Q	C D T	Q T L R	
. N V	F W R	I G T N	V T L	R R .	
GAAAGAAACG	ATTTATATTC	TTCCTGGAGA	CGGCGCTGGCC	ACAATATACT	100
K E T	I Y I L	L Q Y	R L A T I S S		
K K R	F I F	F C S T	A W P	Q Y P	
E R N D	L Y S	S A V	P P G H	N I L	
CTTCAAGGGA	GAGAAACCTG	GCTTCTCTGAG	CGAAGTATAAA	ATTATAACAT	150
S R E	R N L A S .	G K Y K L . H			
L Q G R	E T W	L P E	G S I N Y N I		
F K G	E K P G	F L R	E V .	I I T S	
CATCTTACAG	CTAGAACCTCT	TCTGTAGAAA	GGACGGAAAG	TGGAGTGAAG	200
H L T A	R P L L .	K G G Q M E . S			
I L Q	L D L F	C R K	E G K	W S E V	
S Y S .	T S S V E R	R A N G V K			
TGCCATAATGT	GCAAACCTTC	TTTTCATTAA	GAGACAACTC	ACAATATACT	250
A I C	A N F L	F I K	R Q L	T I M .	
P Y V	Q T F	F S L R	D N S	Q L C	
C H M C	K L S F H .	E T T H	N Y V		
AAAAAGTGIG	GTTCATGCC	TACAGGAAGC	CTCTAGAGTC	CACTCCTCTA	300
K V W	F M P	Y R K P	S E S	T S L	
K K C G	L C P	T G S	P Q S P	P P Y	
K S V	V Y A L	Q E A	L R V	H L P T	
CCCCAGOGTC	CCCTCCCCGA	CTCTCTCTTC	AACTAATAAG	GACCCCCCTT	350
P Q R P	L P D	S F L N . .	G P P F		
P S V	P S P T	P S S	T N K	D P P L	
P A S	P P R	L L P Q	L I R	T P L	
TAACCCAAAC	GGTCAAAAG	GAGATAGACA	AAGGGGTAAA	CAATGAACCA	400
N P N	G P K G	D R Q	R G K	Q . T K	
T Q T	V Q K	E I D K	G V N	N E P	
. P K R	S K R R .	T K G .	T M N Q		
AAGAGTGCCA	ATATTCGGC	CTTCAAGGAG	TGAGAGGAGG		450
E C Q	Y S P	I M P P	P S S	E R R	
K S A N	I P R	L C P	L Q A V	R G G	
R V P	I F P D	Y A P	S K Q .	E E E	
AGAATTGGC	CCAGGCCAGAG	TGCCCTGTAC	TTTTCTCTTC	TCAGACTTAA	500
R I R P	S Q S	A C T	F F S L	R L K	
E F G	P A R V	P V P	F S L	S D L K	
N S A	Q P E	C L Y L	F L S	Q T .	

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FIG 6 (continued)

10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	
AGCAAATTAA	AATAGACCTA	CGTAAATTCT	CAGATAACCC	TGACGGCTAT	550
A N .	N R P R .	I L R . P .	R L Y		
Q I K I D L	G K F S D N P	D G Y			
S K L K . T .	V N S Q I T L	T A I			
ATIGATGTTT	TACAAGGGTT	AGGACAAATCC	TTTGTATCIGA	CATGGAGAGA	600
· C F T R V	R T I L . S D M E R				
I D V L Q G L	G Q S F D L T	W R D			
L M F Y K G .	D N P L I .	H G E I			
TATAATGTTA	CTACTAAATC	AGACACTAAC	CCCAAATGAG	AGAAGTGCGG	650
Y N V T T K S	D T N P K .	E K C R			
I M L L L N Q	T L T P N E	R S A A			
. C Y Y . I R H .	P Q M R	E V P			
CTGTAACIGC	AGCCCGAGAG	TTTGGCGATC	TTTGGTATCT	CAGTCACGCC	700
C N C S P R V	W R S L V S	Q S G Q			
V T A A R E	F G D L W Y L	S Q A			
L . L Q P E S	L A I F G I S	. V R P			
AACAATAGGA	TGACAACAGA	GGAAAGAACAA	ACTCCCCACAG	GCCTAGCAGCC	750
Q . D D N R G	K N N S H R P A G				
N N R M T T E	E R T T P T G	Q Q A			
T I G . Q Q R	K E Q L P Q	A S R Q			
AGTCCCGT	GTAGACCCTC	ATTGGGACAC	AGAATCAGAA	CATGGAGATT	800
S S Q C R P S	L G H R I R T	W R L			
V P S V D P H	W D T E S E	H G D W			
F P V . T L I	G T Q N Q N	M E I			
GGTCCCACAA	ACATTTGCTA	ACTTGGTGC	TAGAAGGACT	GAGGAAACT	850
V P Q T F A N	L R A R R T	E E N .			
C H K H L L	T C V L E G L	R K T			
G A T N I C .	L A C . K D .	G K L			
AGGAAGAAC	C T A T G A A T T A	C T C A A T G A T G	T C C A C T A T A A	C A C A G G G A A A	900
E E A Y E L	L N D V H Y N	T G K			
R K K P M N Y	S M M S T I T	Q G K			
G R S L . I T	Q . C P L .	H R E R			
GGAAGAAAAT	CTTACIGCIT	TICIGGACAG	ACTAAGGGAG	GCATIGAGGA	950
G R K S Y C F	S G Q T K G G	I E E			
E E N L T A F	L D R L R E	A L R K			
K K I L L L	F W T D .	G R H . G			
ACCATACCTC	CCTGTCACCT	GACTCTATTG	AAGGCCAACT	AATCTAAAG	1000
A Y L P V T .	L Y . R P T	N L K G			
H T S L S P	D S I E	G Q L I L K			
S I P P C H L	T L L K A N .	S . R			

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FIG 6 (continued)

10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	
GATAAGTTA	TCACTCTAGTC	AGCTCCACAC	ATTAGAAAAAA	ACTCTAAAAG	1050
. V Y H S V	S C R H	. K K L Q K			
D K F I	T Q S A A D	I R K N	F K S		
I S L S L S Q	L Q T L E K	T S K V			
TCTGCTTCTAG	GGCGGGAGCA	GAACCTTGTAA	ACCCCTATTTA	ACTTGGCATC	1100
S A L G	P E Q N L E	T L F N	L A S		
L P .	A R S R T .	K P Y L	T W H P		
C L R P G A	E L R N P I .	L G I			
CTCAGTTTT	TATAATAGAG	ATCAGGAGGA	CCAGGGAAAA	CGGGACAAAC	1150
S V F Y N R D	Q E E Q A K	R D K R			
Q F F I I E	I R R S R R N	G T N			
L S F L . .	R S G G A G E T	G Q T			
GGGATAAAAA	AAAAACGGGG	GGTCCCACTAC	TITAGTCAATG	GGCCTCAGGC	1200
D K K K R G	G P L L .	S W P S G			
G I K K K G G	V H Y F S H , G	P Q A			
G . K K K G G	S T T L V M	A L R Q			
AAGCAGACTT	TGGAGGCTCT	GCAAAAGGGA	AAAGCTGGGC	AAATCAAATG	1250
K Q T L E A L	Q K G K A G Q	I K C			
S R L W R L C	K R E K L G	K S N A			
A D F G G S	A K G K S W A	N Q M			
CCTAATAGGG	CTGGCTTCCA	GIGGGGTCTA	CAAGGACACT	TTAAAAAAAGA	1300
L I G L A S S	A V Y K D T	L K K I			
. . G W L P V	R S T R T L .	K R			
P N R A G F Q	C G L Q G H F	K K D			
TTATCCAAGT	AGAAATAAGC	GGGGGGCTTG	TCCATGCCCC	TTACGTCAAG	1350
I Q V E I S	R P L V H A P	Y V K			
L S K . K . A	A P L S M P L	T S R			
Y P S R N K P	P P C P C P	L R Q G			
GGAATCACTG	GAAGGCCCCAC	TGCCCCAGGG	CATGAAGATA	CTCTGAGTCA	1400
G I T G R P T	A P G D E D T	L S Q			
E S L E G P L	P Q G M K I L .	V R			
N H W K A H C	P R G . R Y	S E S			
GAAGCCATTA	ACCAGATGAT	CCAGCAGCAG	GAATGAGGGT	GGGGGGGGGG	1450
K P L T R . S	S S S R T E G	A R G E			
S H . P D D P	A A G L R V	P G A			
E A I N Q M I	Q Q Q D .	G C P G R			
AGGGCCAGCC	CATGCGATCA	CCCTCACAGA	GGGGGGGT	TGTTTGACCA	1500
R Q P M P S	P S Q S P G Y	V . P			
S A S P C H H	P H R A P G M	F D H			
A P A H A I T	L T E P R V C L	T I			

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FIG 6 (continued)

10 20 30 40 50
1234567890 1234567890 1234567890 1234567890 1234567890
TTGAGAGCCA A 1511
L R A
. E P
E S Q

10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	
ATGGGCAGCA	GCATCATCA	TCATCATCAC	AGCAGGGC	TGGTGOOGG	50
M G S S	H H H	H H H	S S G L	V P R	
CGGCAGCCAT	ATGGCTAGCA	TGACTGGTGG	ACAGCAAATG	GGTGGGATOC	100
G S H	M A S M	T G G	Q Q M	G R I L	
TAGAACGTAT	TCTGGAGAAT	TGGGACCAAT	GTGACACTCA	GACGCTAAGA	150
E R I	L E N	W D Q C	D T Q	T L R	
AAGAAACGAT	TTATATTCTT	CTGGCAGTACC	GCCTGGCAC	AATATCCCT	200
K K R F	I F F	C S T	A W P Q	Y P L	
TCAAGGGAGA	GAAACCTGGC	TTCTGAGGG	AAGTATAAT	TATAACATCA	250
Q G R	E T W L	P E G	S I N	Y N I I	
TCTTACACCT	AGACCTCTTC	TGTAGAAAGG	AGGGCAAATG	GAGTGAAGTG	300
L Q L	D L F	C R K E	G K W	'S E V	
CCATATGIGC	AAACTTTCTT	TTCATTAAGA	GACAACTCAC	AATTATGTA	350
P Y V Q	T F F	S L R	D N S Q	L C K	
AAAGTGTGGT	TTATGCCCTA	CAGGAAGCCC	TCAAGAGTCCA	CCTCCCTTAC	400
K C G	L C P T	G S P	Q S P	P P Y P	
CCAGGGTCCC	CTCCCCGACT	CTTCTCTCAA	CTAATAAGGA	CCCCCTTTA	450
S V P	S P T	P S S T	N K D	P P L	
ACCCAAAACGG	TCCAAAAGGA	GATAGACAAA	GGGTAAACA	ATGAACCAAA	500
T Q T V	Q K E	I D K	G V N N	E P K	
GAGTGCCTAT	ATCCCCGAT	TATGCCCTT	CCAAAGCAGTG	AGAGGAGGAG	550
S A N	I P R L	C P L	Q A V	R G G E	
AATTGGCC	AGCAGAGTG	CTGTACCT	TTCTCTCIC	AGACTTAAAG	600
F G P	A R V	P V P F	S L S	D L K	
CAAATTTAA	TAGAATTAGG	AAATTCTCA	GATAACCTG	ACGGCTATAT	650
Q I K I	D L G	K F S	D N P D	G Y I	
TGATGTTTA	CAAGGGTTAG	GACAATCC	TGATCTGACA	TGGAGAGATA	700
D V L	Q G L G	Q S F	D L T	W R D I	
TAATGTTACT	ACTAAATCAG	ACACTAACCC	CAAATGAGAG	AAGTGCCT	750
M L L	L N Q	T L T P	N E R	S A A	
GTAACGCGAG	CGGAGAGTT	TGGGATCTT	TGGTATCTCA	GTCAGGCCAA	800
V T A A	R E F	G D L	W Y L S	Q A N	

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FIG 7 (continued)

10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	
CAATAGGATG	ACAAACAGAGG	AAAGAACAAAC	TCCCCACAGGC	CAGCAGGCAG	850
N R M	T T E E	R T T	P T G	Q Q A V	
TTCGCCAGTGT AGACCCCTCAT TGGGACACAG AATCAGAACAA TGGAGATTGG					900
P S V D P H W D T E S E H G D W					
TGCCACAAAC ATTTCGCTAAC TTGGCGGCTA GAAGGACTGA GGAAAACCTAG					950
C H K H L L T C V L E G L R K T R					
GAAGAAGGCT ATGAAATTACT CAATGAGTGC CACTATAACA CAGGGAAAGG					1000
K K P M N Y S M M S T I T Q G K E					
AAGAAAATCT TACIGCTTTT CTGGACAGAC TAACGGAGGC ATTGAGGAAG					1050
E N L T A F L D R L R E A L R K					
CATACCTCCC TGTCACCTG A CTCTATTGAA GGCCAACTAA TCTTAAAGGA					1100
H T S L S P D S I E G Q L I L K D					
TAAGTTTATC ACTCAGTCAG CTGGAGACAT TAGAAAAAAAC TTCAAAAGTC					1150
K F I T Q S A A D I R K N F K S L					
TGCCTAAGCT TGGGGCGCA CTGGAGCACC ACCACCCACCA CCACCTGAGAT					1200
P K L A A A L E H H H H H H . D					
CGGGCTGCTA ACAAAAGCCCG AAAGGAAGCT GAGTTGGCIN GTGGCNA					1247
P A A N K A R K E A E L A X G					

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FIG 8

10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	
ATGGCTAGCA	TGACTGGTGG	ACACCAAATG	GGTCGGATCC	TAGAACGTAT	50
M A S M	T G G	Q Q M	G R I L	E R I	
TCIGGAGAAT	TGGGACCAAT	GTGACACTCA	GACGCTAAGA	AAGAAACGAT	100
L E N	W D Q C	D T Q	T L R	K K R F	
TTATATTCTT	CTGGAGTACC	GCCTGGCCAC	AATATCCTCT	TCAAGGGAGA	150
I F F	C S T	A W P Q	Y P L	Q G R	
GAAACCTGGC	TTCCTGAGGG	AACTATAAAT	TATAACATCA	TCITACAGCT	200
E T W L	P E G	S I N	Y N I I	L Q L	
AGACCCCTTC	TGTAGAAAGG	AGGGCAAATG	GAGTGAAGTG	CCATATGTGC	250
D L F	C R K E	G K W	S E V	P Y V Q	
AAACCTTCTT	TTCATTAAGA	GACAACTCAC	AATTATGTAA	AAAGTGTGGT	300
T F F	S L R	D N S Q	L C K	K C G	
TTATCCCTA	CAGGAAGCCC	TCAGAGTCGA	CTCTCCCTACC	CCAGOGTCCC	350
L C P T	G S P	Q S P	P P Y P	S V P	
CTCCCGACT	CCCTCCCTAA	CCTATAAGGA	CCCCCCTTAA	ACCCAAACGG	400
S P T	P S S T	N K D	P P L	T Q T V	
TCCAAAAGGA	GATAGACAAA	GGGGTAAACA	ATGAACCAAA	GAGTGCCTAT	450
Q K E	I D K	G V N N	E P K	S A N	
ATCCCCGAT	TATGCCCCCT	CCAAGCAGTG	AGAGGAGGAG	AATTCGGCCC	500
I P R L	C P L	Q A V	R G G E	F G P	
AGCCAGAGTG	CCCTGACCTT	TTCTCTCTTC	AGACTTAAAG	CAAATTAAAA	550
A R V	P V P F	S L S	D L K	Q I K I	
TAGACCTAGG	TAAATTCTCA	GATAACCTTG	ACGGCTATAT	TGATGTTTA	600
D L G	K F S	D N P D	G Y I	D V L	
CAAGGGITAG	GACAATCCCT	TGATCTGACA	TGGAGAGATA	TAATGTTACT	650
Q G L G	Q S F	D L T	W R D I	M L L	
ACTAAATCAG	ACACTAACCC	CAAATGAGAG	AAGTCCCGCT	GTAACITGCAG	700
L N Q	T L T P	N E R	S A A	V T A A	
CCCGAGAGTT	TGGCGATCTT	TGGTATCTCA	GTCAGGCCAA	CAATAGGATG	750
R E F	G D L	W Y L S	Q A N	N R M	
ACAAACAGAGG	AAAGAACAAAC	TOCCACAGGC	CAGCAGGCAG	TTCCCGATGT	800
T T E E	R T T	P T G	Q Q A V	P S V	

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FIG 8 (continued)

10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	
AGACCCCTCAT	TGGGACACAG	AATCAGAACAA	TGGAGATTGG	TGOCACAAAC	850
D P H	W D T E	S E H	G D W	C H K H	
ATTTGCTAAC	TTGCGTGCTA	GAAGGACTGA	GGAAAACCTAG	GAAGAAGCCT	900
L L T	C V L	E G L R	K T R	K K P	
ATGAATTACT	CAAATGATGTC	CACTATAACA	CAGGGAAAGG	AAGAAAATCT	950
M N Y S	M M S	T I T	Q G K E	E N L	
TACTGCTTTT	CTGGACAGAC	TAAGGGAGGC	ATTGAGGAAG	CATAACCTCCC	1000
T A F	L D R L	R E A	L R K	H T S L	
TGTCACCTGA	CTCTATTGAA	GGCCAACCTAA	TCTTAAAGGA	TAAGTTTATC	1050
S P D	S I E	G Q L I	L K D	K F I	
ACTCAGTCAG	CTGGAGACAT	TAGAAAAAAC	TTCAGGTC	TGCCTAAGCT	1100
T Q S A	A D I	R K N	F K S L	P K L	
TGGGGCGCA	CTGGAGCACC	ACCACCA	CCACTGAGAT	CGGGCTGCTA	1150
A A A	L E H H	H H H H	H . D	P A A N	
ACAAAGCCCG	AAAGGAAGCT	GAGTTGGCIG	GTGGCA		1186
K A R	K E A	E L A G	G		

10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890
TGTCGGCTGT	GCTCCCTGATC	CAGCACAGGC	GCCCCATTGCC	TCTCCCAAATT	50
C P L C S . S	S T G A H C L	S Q L			
V R C A P D P	A Q A P I A	S P N W			
S A V L L I	Q H R R P L P	L P I			
GGGCTAAAGG	CTTGCCTATTG	TTCCCTGCACA	GCTAAGTGCC	TGGGTTTCATC	100
G . R L A I V	P A Q L S A	W V H P			
A K G L P L F L H S	. V P G F I				
G L K A C H C S C T	A K C L G S S				
CIAATCGAGC	TGAAACACTAG	TCACIGGGTT	CCACGGTTCT	CTTCCATGAC	150
N R A E H .	S L G S T V L	F H D			
L I E L N T S	H W V P R F S	S M T			
. S S . T L V	T G F H G S	L P . P			
CCATGGCTTC	TAATAGAGCT	ATAACACTCA	CTGCATGGTC	CAAGATTCCA	200
P W L L I E L .	H S L H G P R F H				
H G F . . S Y	N T H C M V Q D S I				
M A S N R A I T L T	A W S K I P				
TTCCTTGGAA	TCGGTGGAGAC	CAAGAACCCC	AGGTCAAGAGA	ACACAAGGCT	250
S L E S V R P	R T P G Q R T Q G L				
P W N P . D	Q E P Q V R E H K A				
F L G I R E T	K N P R S E N T R L				
TGCCACCATG	TTGGAAGGAG	CCCACCAACCA	TTTGGAAAGC	AGCCCCGCCAC	300
P P C W K Q	P T T I L E A A R H				
C H H V G S S	P P P F W K Q P A T				
A T M L E A A	H H H F G S S P P L				
TATCTTGGGA	GCCTCTGGAG	CAAGAACCCC	AGGTAAACAAT	TGGGTTACCA	350
Y L G S S G S	K D P R . Q F G D H				
I L G A L G A	R T P G N N L V T T				
S W E L W E	Q G P Q V T I W . P				
CGAAGGGACC	TGAATCCGCA	ACCATGAAGG	GATCTCCAAA	GCAATTGGAA	400
E G T . I R N	H E G I S K A I G N				
K G P E S A	T M K G S P K Q L E				
R R D L N P Q	P . R D L Q S N W K				

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FIG 9 (continued)

10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890
ATGTTCCCTCC	CAAGGAAAAA	ATGCCCTAA	GATGTATTCT	GGAGAATIGG	450
V P P	K A K	M P L R	C I L	E N W	
M F L P	R Q K	C P .	D V F W	R I G	
C S S	Q G K N	A P K	M Y S	G E L G	
GACCAATTIG	ACCCCTAGAC	AGTAAGAAAA	AAATGACTTA	TATCTCTG	500
D Q F D	P Q T	V R K K .	L I	F F C	
T N L	T L R Q .	E K	N D L	Y S S A	
P I .	P S D	S K K K	M T Y	I L L	
CAGTACCGCC	CTGGOCACGA	TATCCTCTTC	AAGGGGGAGA	AACCTGGCCT	550
S T A	L A T I	S S S	R G R	N L A S	
V P P	W P R	Y P L Q	G G E	T W P	
Q Y R P	G H D	I L F	K G E K	P G L	
CCTGAGGGAA	GTATAAATTIA	TAACACCATC	TTACAGCTAG	ACCTGTTTIG	600
. G K	Y K L	. H H L	T A R	P V L	
P E G S	I N Y	N T I	L Q L D	L F C	
L R E V .	I I	T P S	Y S .	T C F V	
TAGAAAAGGA	GGCAAATGGA	GIGAAGTGCC	ATATTACAA	ACCTTCCTTT	650
. K R R	Q M E	. S A	I F T N	F L F	
R K G	G K W S	E V P	Y L Q	T F F S	
E K E	A N G	V K C H	I Y K	L S F	
CATTAAGA	CAACTCGCAA	TTATGTTAAC	AGTGIGATT	GIGTTCCTAC	700
I K R	Q L A I	M L T	V . F	V F L H	
L K D	N S Q	L C .	Q C D L	C S Y	
H . K T	T R N	Y V N	S V I C	V P T	
ACGGAAGCCC	TCAGATTCTA	CTCCCCACCC	CGGGCATCTC	CCCTGAATCC	750
G S P	Q I L	L P T P	G I S	P E S	
T E A L	R F Y	S P P	P A S P	L N P	
R K P	S D S T	P H P	R H L	P . I P	
CTCCOCAC	TATT				764
L P N L					
S P T Y					
P Q L I					

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FIG 10

10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	100
TGTCGGCTGT	GCTCCTGATC	CAGCACAGGC	GCCCCATGCC	TCTCCCCATT	50
C P L C S .	S S T G A H C L	S Q L			
V R C A P D P	A Q A P I A	S P N W			
S A V L L I	Q H R R P L P	L P I			
GGGCTAAAGG	CTGCCATTG	TCCCCGACA	GCTAAGTGCC	TGGGTTTCATC	100
G . R L A I V	P A Q L S A	W V H P			
A K G L P L	F L H S .	V P G F I			
G L K A C H C	S C T A K C L	G S S			
CTAATGGAGC	TGAACACTAG	TCACTGGGTT	CCACGGTTCT	CTTCCATGAC	150
N R A E H .	S L G S T V L	F H D			
L I E L N T S	H W V P R F S	S M T			
. S S . T L V	T G F H G S	L P . P			
CCATGGCTTC	TAATAGAGCT	ATAACACTCA	CTGCAATGGTC	CAAGATTCCA	200
P W L L I E L	. H S L H G P	R F H			
H G F . . S Y	N T H C M V	Q D S I			
M A S N R A I T	L T A W S	K I P			
TTCCTTGGAA	TCGGTGAGAC	CAAGAACCCC	AGGTCAAGAGA	ACACAAGGCT	250
S L E S V R P	R T P G Q R	T Q G L			
P W N P . D Q E P Q	V R E H K A				
F L G I R E T K	N P R S E N	T R L			
TGCCACCAAG	TTGGAAGCAG	CCCACCAACCA	TTTGGAAAGC	GGGGGGGCCAC	300
P P C W K Q	P T T I L E A	A R H			
C H H V G S S	P P P F W K R	P A T			
A T M L E A A	H H H F G S	G P P L			
TATCTTGGGA	GCTCTGGGAG	CAAGGACCCC	CAGGTAACAA	TTTGGTGAC	350
Y L G S S G S	K D P Q V T I	W . P			
I L G A L G A	R T P R . Q	F G D H			
S W E L W E	Q G P P G N N	L V T			
ACGAAGGGAC	CTGAATCGC	AACCATGAAG	GGATCTCAA	AGCAATTGGA	400
R R D L N P Q	P . R D L Q	S N W K			
E G T . I R N H E G	I S K A I G				
T K G P E S A	T M K G S P K	Q L E			

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FIG 10 (continued)

10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	
AATGTTCCIC	CCAAGGAAA	AATGCCCTA	AGATGTATT	TGGAGAA	450
C S S	Q G K	N A P K	M Y S	G E L	
N V P P	K A K	M P L	R C I L	E N W	
M F L	P R Q K	C P .	D V F	W R I G	
GGACCAATCT	GACCCICAGA	CAGTAAGAAA	AAAAATGACT	TATATTCTTC	500
G P I .	P S D	S K K	K N D L	Y S S	
D Q S	D P Q T	V R K	K M T	Y I L L	
T N L	T L R	Q .	E K K .	L I F F	
TGCAGTACCG	CCTGGCCACG	GATACTCT	TCAAGGGGA	GAAACCTGGC	550
A V P	P G H G	Y P L	Q G G	E T W P	
Q Y R	L A T	D I L F	K G E	K P G	
C S T A	W P R	I S S	S R G R	N L A	
CTCCTGAGGG	AAGTATAAAAT	TATAACACCA	TCTTACAGCT	AGACCTGGTT	600
P E G	S I N	Y N T I	L Q L	D L F	
L L R E	V . I	I T P	S Y S .	T C F	
S . G	K Y K L	. H H	L T A	R P V L	
TGTAGAAAAG	GAGGCAAATG	GAGTGAAGTG	CCATATTTAC	AAACTTTCTT	650
C R K G	G K W	S E V	P Y L Q	T F F	
V E K	E A N G	V K C	H I Y	K L S F	
. K R	R Q M E	. S A	I F T	N F L	
TTCATTAAAA	GACAACCTCGC	AATTATGAA	ACAGIGIGAT	TGTGICCTA	700
S L K	D N S Q	L C K	Q C D	L C P T	
H . K	T T R	N Y V N	S V I	C V L	
F I K R	Q L A	I M .	T V .	F V S Y	
CAGGAAGCCC	TCAGATCTAC	CTCCCTACCC	CGGCATCTCC	CTGACTCCCT	750
G S P	Q I Y	L P T P	A S P .	L L	
Q E A L	R S T	S L P	R H L P	D S F	
R K P	S D L P	P Y P	G I S	L T P S	
CCCCAACTAA	TAAGGACCCA	CTTCAGCCCA	AACAGTCCTAA	AAGGACATAG	800
P Q L I	R T H	F S P	N S P K	G H	
P N . . .	G P T	S A Q	T V Q	K D I	
P T N	K D P	L Q P K	Q S K	R T .	

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FIG 11

10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890
GGCATTGATA	GCACCCATCA	GATGGCCAAA	TCATTATTAA	CIGGACCAGG	50
G I D S	T H Q	M A K	S L F T	G P G	
A L I	A P I R	W P N	H Y L	L D Q A	
H . .	H P S	D G Q I	I I Y	W T R	
CCITTTICAAA	ACIATCAAGC	AGATAGGGOC	CGTGAAGCAT	GCCAAAGAAA	100
L F K	T I K Q	I G P	V K H	A K E I	
F S K	L S S R .	G P .	S M	P K K	
P F Q N	Y Q A	D R A	R E A C	Q R N	
TAATCCCCTG	CCITTATGCC	ATGTTCCCTC	AGGAGAACAA	AGAACAGGCC	150
I P C	L I A	M F L Q	E N K	E Q A	
. S P A	L S P	C S F	R R T K	N R P	
N P L	P Y R H	V P S	G E Q	R T G H	
ATTACCCAGG	GGAAGACTGG	CAACTAGATT	TTACCCACAT	GGCCAAATGT	200
I T Q G	K T G N .	I L P T W	P N V		
L P R	G R L A	T R F	Y P H	G Q M S	
Y P G	E D W	Q L D F	T H M	A K C	
CAGGGATTTC	AGCATCTACT	AGTCIGGGCA	GATACITICA	CIGGITGGGT	250
R D F	S I Y .	S G Q	I L S	L V G W	
G I S	A S T	S L G R	Y F H	W L G	
Q G F Q	H L L	V W A	D T F T	G W V	
GGAGICITCT	CCITGTAGGA	CAGAAAAGAC	CCAAGAGGTA	ATAAAGGCAC	300
S L L	L V G	Q K R P	K R . .	R H	
G V F S	L .	D R K D	P R G N	K G T	
E S S	P C R T	E K T	Q E V	I K A L	
TAATGAAATA	ATTCCAGAT	TIGGACTTCC	CCAGGAGTAA	CAGGGTGACA	350
. . N N	S Q I	W T S	P R I T	G . Q	
N E I	I P R F	G L P	P G L	Q G D N	
M K .	F P D	L D F P	Q D Y	R V T	

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FIG 11 (continued)

10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	400
ATGGCCCCGC	TTTCAAGGCT	GCAGTAACCC	AGGGAGTATC	CCAGGTGTTA	
W P R	F Q G C	S N P	G S I	P G V R	
G P A	F K A	A V T Q	G V S	Q V L	
M A P L	S R L	Q . P	R E Y P	R C .	
GGCATAACAAT ATCACTTACA CTGIGCCTGG AGGCCACAAT CCTCCAGAAA					450
H T I S L T L C L E A T I L Q K					
G I Q Y H L H C A W R P Q S S R K					
A Y N I T Y T V P G G H N P P E K					
AGTCAAGAAA ATGAATGAAA CACTCAAAGA TCTAAAAAG CTAAACCAAG					500
S Q E N E . N T Q R S K K A N P R					
V K K M N E T L K D L K K L T Q E					
S R K . M K H S K I . K S . P K					
AAACCCACAT TGCATGACCT GTCTGTTGC CTATAACCT ACTAAGAAC					550
N P H C M T C S V A Y N L T K N P					
T H I A . P V L L P I T L L R I					
K P T L H D L F C C L . P Y . E S					
CTAACTATC CCCAAAAAG CAGGACTTAG CCCATACGAG ATGCTATATG					600
. L S P K K Q D L A H T R C Y M					
H N Y P P K S R T . P I R D A I W					
I T I P Q K A G L S P Y E M L Y G					
GATGGCTTT CCTAAACCAAT GACCTTGTC TTGACTGAGA AATGGCCAAC					650
D G L S . P M T L C L T E K W P T					
M A F P N Q . P C A . L R N G Q L					
W P F L T N D L V L D . E M A N					
TTAGTGCAG ACATCACCTC CTAGCCAAA TATCAACAAG TICITAAAC					700
. L Q T S P P . P N I N K F L K H					
S C R H H L L S Q I S T S S . N					
L V A D I T S L A K Y Q Q V L K T					

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FIG 11 (continued)

10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	
ATCACAGGGA	ACCTGTCCCC	GAGAGGAGGG	AAAGGAACTA	TTCCACCCCTG	750
H R E	P V P	E R R E	R N Y	S T L	
I T G N	L S P	R G G	K G T I	P P W	
S Q G	T C P R	E E G	K E L	F H P G	
GIGACATG					758
V T					
.	H				
D	M				

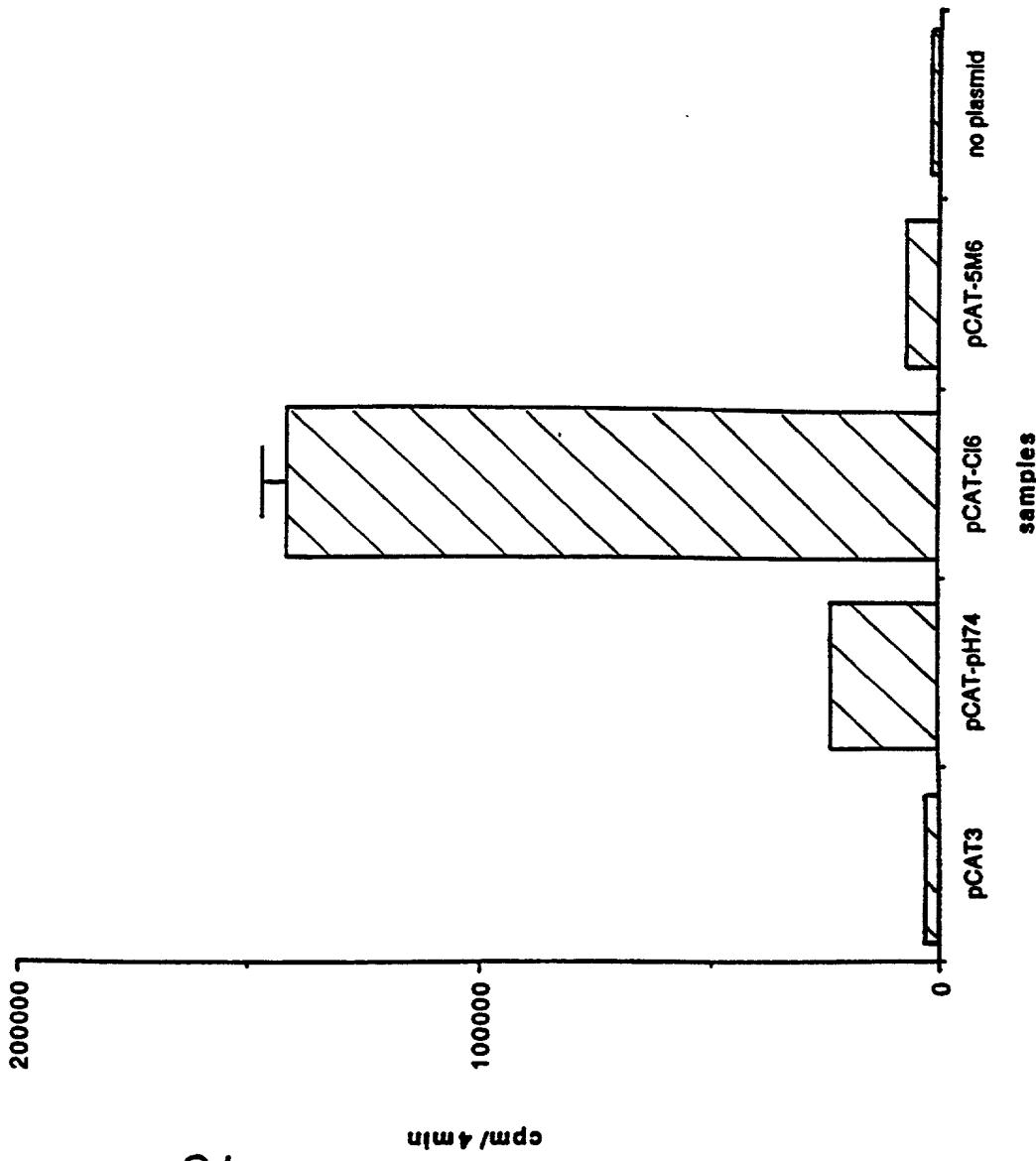


FIG 13

Key

ATGCCCTC CTATCATAC TTTCTCTTT ACTCTCTT TACCCCTT CCTCTCTT CCTCTCTT GACCCCTC CCTCTCTT TACCCCTC TACCCCTC
M A L P Y H T P L P T Y L L P P F A L T A P P F C C C T Y S S P V
 Signal Peptide

ACCAGGTTT TCTATGAA AGGCGCTC CTCGAAATAT TCTATGAA CCTTCTCTA GCGACCTCC ACCCTCTC CCTCTCTC CCTACACCA
Q E F L R T R L P G N I D A P S Y R S L S K Q [P Y] P F A H T H
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TATGCCCTC ACTCTCTA ACTCTCTAC TCTGCTATC CTCGAAATA CCTATTTG GCGGCTAA ATGATTTAC CTCGTTCTC TGGAGGCTT
N P R N C Y N S A T L C N H A N T H Y W T G K N I [P Y] C P G Q L
 100

GGGCCCTT TCTATGAA TCTCTCTC CCTATGAA CCTGGGTTT GAGGCTCGG CAGGGTAAAG AGGAGGAA GAGAGGAA
G A T V C N T Y P T H T S N S D C G Q I Q Q O A R E K O V K E A I S
 134

CCCGAACTC CGGCGGAT ACCGGCTAA CGGGCTAA AGGAGCTGAGG CTCGAAAC TCTGAAAC CCTGGCTACG CTCATGCTAC
Q L T R Q H S T A S K L H E T L R T H T R L V S L
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ATTATTTCTC ACCCTCTA CCTCTCTA GCTCTGAC CAAAGCTTA CCTGGCTCTT GAGGCTCTT TGGGGCTT GAGGAGCTA
F H T P L T R L H E V S A Q N P T N C W H C L P L H F R P Y I S I
 200

CCTGGCTCTA ANGAGGA CGAGCTACG AGAGGAAATA AGGAGCTTCA CGGGCTTCTT GAGGCTCTT TGGGGCTT GAGGAGCTA
P V P E Q W N N F S T E I [P Y] S V L V Q P L V S N L E I f H T S [P Y]
 234

ACCTGACCTC TGTATTTT ACCATTTA TGTATGAA CGGGCTAC TCTCTCTGTT GAGGCTCTT CCTGGCTCTA ATGATCTCCG TACCTCTAG
C V K P S N T I D T T S S Q C I R W V T P P T R I V C L P S Q
 267

ATATTTTTT GGGCTGTTA CCTGGCTTA TGTGTGTT ATGGCTCTT CHATCTATP GCTCTCTC TGTCTCTGTT TGGGGCTT GAGGAGCTAC
I F P V C G T S A Y H C L [P Y] S S E S H C F L S F L V P P H T Y
 300

ACTGAGAG ATTATTTAA TCTATGAA CCTGGCTC ACAGAGGG AGTACAGGG AGTACAGGG CCTGGCTCTT TGTCTGACG AGAGGAACTA
T E Q D L Y N H V V P K P H N K R V P I L P F V I R A Q V L G R L G
 334

GTACTGGAT TGGCTATTC AGACCTTA CCTGGCTTA CCTGGCTTA TGTATGAA TGTATGAA CCTGGCTACG GTCATCTAC CCTGGCTAC
T G I Q S I T T S T Q F Y Y K L S O E I N G D H E Q V T D S L V T
 367

CTTGAGAT CAACTTAC CCTGGCTC AGTACCTT CCTGGCTTA AGTATGAA AGTATGAA AGTATGAA CCTGGCTAC TGTATGAA
L Q D Q L N S L A A V V L Q N R R A L D L L T A K R G G T C L F L
 400

GGAGAGAG GCTCTTTA TGTATGAA CCTGGCTTA AGTATGAA AGTATGAA AGTATGAA CCTGGCTAC TGTATGAA CCTGGCTAC
G E E R C Y Y V [N Q S] R I V T E K V K E I R D R I Q C R A E E L Q N
 434

ACGGAGAC CCTGGCTC CTCACCAAT CCTGGCTT GGTCTTCCG TTCTTGGAC CCTGGCTC TGTATGAA CCTGGCTAC TGTATGAA
T E R W Q L L S Q W H P W V L P F L G P L A A L I L L L F Q P C
 467

TATCTTAAAC CCTCTCTTA AGTATGTT CCTGGCTT GAGGCTGTT AGTATGTT AGTATGTT AGTATGTT CCTGGCTAC CCTGGCTAC
I F W L L V K F V S S K I E A V K L Q H V L Q H E P Q H T K
 500

ATGAGCTG GAGGCTGAGG AGGGCTCTT AGGGCTCTT CCTGGCTTA TGATCTAA GCGACCTCC CCTGGCTT CCTGGCTAC CCTGGCTAC
I H R G P L D R P A S P C S D V N D I E G T P P E I S T A Q P L L
 534

TATGCCCTA TGTATGAA CCTGGCTT CCTGGCTT CCTGGCTT CCTGGCTT CCTGGCTT CCTGGCTT CCTGGCTT CCTGGCTT
C P N S A Q S S
 542

TAGTGGAAT TCTGGCTA AGTATGAA CCTGGCTA CCTGGCTA CCTGGCTA CCTGGCTA CCTGGCTA CCTGGCTA CCTGGCTA
 1800

CCGATCAGG AGCTCTAA ATGCTTAA AGGGATTA CCTGGCTT CCTGGCTT CCTGGCTT CCTGGCTT CCTGGCTT CCTGGCTT CCTGGCTT
 1900

CGGATATA ATGGGAT CCTGGCTC AGCTGCTC CCTGGCTT CCTGGCTT CCTGGCTT CCTGGCTT CCTGGCTT CCTGGCTT CCTGGCTT
ATCTGGCTAC GGGGCTAC GGGGCTAC GGGGCTAC GGGGCTAC GGGGCTAC GGGGCTAC GGGGCTAC GGGGCTAC
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FIG 14

CAGCAACCCC CTTGGGCTT CCTCCCATG TATGGGAGCT CTGTTTCAC TCTATTTCAC TCTATTAAAT CATGCAACTG [CACTCTCTG GTCGCGTGT] 100
 TTATGGCTC AAGCTGAGCT TTGTTGCCC ATCCACCACT GCTTTTGGC ACCGTACAG ACCGTACAG GCTTTGGTC GACTTCATC CCCTGGATC CAGGGAGCTG 200
 TCCGCTGTC TCCGTATCA GCACAGGGCGC CCATTTGGCTC TCCGAATTGG GCTAAAGGCT TTGCTTGTGTT CCGCACAGC TAATGGCTGTT GGTTCATCTCT 300
 AATCGAGCTG AACACTAGTC ACTGGGTCTC AGCGTCTCTT TCCATGACCC [ATGGCTCTA ATAGAGCTAT AACACTCACT GCATGGTCCA AGATTCGATT 400
 CCTTGGAAATC CGTGTAGACCA AGAACCCAGC GTACAGAGAC ACAAGGCTTG CCACCATGTT GGAAGCAGCC CACCACTT TTGGAAAGCAG CCCGCCACTA 500
 TCTGGGAGC TCTGGGAGCA AGGACCCAGC GTACATTG [GGTACCCAGC AAGGGACCTG AAATCCGAAAC CATGAAGGGA TCTCCAAAGC ATGGGAAAC 600
 PBS

GTTCCCCCG AGGCAAAAT GCCCCAGAA CGTATTCTGG AGAATGGGA CCAATGTGAC ACTCAGACGC TAGAAGAA AGCATTATA TCTCTCTGCA 700
 V P P E A K M P L E R I L E N W D Q C D T Q T L R K K R F I F F C S 37
 GTACCGCTGTG GCCACAATAT CCTCTCTAG GGGAGAAAC CTGGCTCTT GAGGGAGTA TAATTTATAA CATCATTTA CAGCTAGACC TCTCTCTAG 800
 T A W P Q V P L Q G R E T W L P E G S I N Y N T I I L Q L D L F C R 70
 AAAGGAGGGC AAATGGAGTG AAGTGGCCATA TGTGCAACT TCTCTCTAT TAAGAGACAA CTACAAATAA TGTTAAAAGT GTGGTTATG CCTTACAGGA 900
 K E G K W S E V P Y V Q T F F S L R D N S Q L C K K C G L C P T G 103
 AGCCCTCTGAGA GTTCCACCTCTG CTACCCAGC GTCCOCCTCC CGACTCCTCTG CTCAACTAAT AAGGACCCCTT CTTCACCCAA AACGGTCCAA AAGGAGATAG 1000
 S P Q S P P P Y P S V P S P T P S S T N K D P P L T Q T V Q K E I D 137
 ACAAGGGGT AAACATGAA CCAAGAGTG CCAATATTC CGGATTATGC CCCCTCTCAAG CAGTGAGAGG AGGAGAAATG GGGCAGCCA GAGTGGCTGT 1100
 K G V N N E P K S A N I P R L C P L Q A V R G G E F G P A R V P V 170
 ACCCTCTCTCTCTGTAGCT TAAGGAAAT TAATAAGAC CTAGTTAAAT TCTCAGATAA CCTCTGACGGC TATATGTATG TTTAGCAGG GTTAGGGACAA 1200
 P F S L S D L K Q I K I D L G K F S D N P D G Y I D V L Q G L G Q 203
 TCCCTTGATC TGACATGGAG AGATTTATG TTACATCTAA ATCAGACACT AACCCTAAAT GAGGAAGTG CCGCTGTAC TGCAAGCCGA GAGTTTGGGG 1300
 S F D L T W R D I M L L N Q T L T P N E R S A A V T A A R E F G D 237
 ATCTTGTTA TCTCAGTCTG GCCAACATA GGATGACAC AGGGAAAGA ACAACTCCCA CAGGCCAGCA GGCAGTTCCC AGTGTAGACC CTCATGGGA 1400
 L W Y L S Q A N N R M T T E E R T T P T G Q Q A V P S V D P H W D 270
 CACAGATCA GAACATGGAG ATGGGGCCA CAAACATTG CTACTCTGG TGCTGAGGG ACTGGGGAA ACTAGGAAGA AGCCATATGAA TTACTCTATG 1500
 T E S E H G D W C H K H L L T C V L E G L R K T R K K P M N Y S M 303
 ATGTCCTA TAACACAGGG AAAGGAGAA AACCTTACTG CTTCCTCTGA CAGACTAAGG GAGGCATATTGA GGAAGCCTAC CTCCCTGTCA CTCGACTCTA 1600
 M S T I T Q G K E E N L T A F L D R L R E A L R K H T S L S P D S I 337
 TTGAGGCCA ACTAATCTTA AAGGATAAGT TTACACTCA GTAGCTGCA GACATGAA AAAAACCTCA AAAGTCCGTC TTAGGCTGG AACAAACTT 1700
 E G Q L I L K D K F I T Q S A A D I R K K L Q K S V L G S E Q N L 370
 AGAAACCTTA TGTGACTTGG CAACCTCGGT TTCTTATAAT AGAGATCAGG AGGGAGGG AGAGCTGGAC AAATGGGATA AAAAAGGAG GCCCACCGCT 1800
 E T L U N L A T S V F Y N R D Q E E Q A E W D K W D K R A T A 403
 TTAGTCATGG CCCTCAGGA AGGGACTTT GGAGGGCTCTG GAAAAGGAA AAGCTGGCA ATAGGAAGC CTAATAGGGC TTGCTTCAG TGCGGTCTAC 1900
 P L V M A L R Q A D P G G S G K G K S W A N R K P N R A C F Q C G L Q 437
 AGGACACTT TAAMAAAGAT TGTCCAAATA GAATAAGCC GCCCCCTGTG CCATGCCCCCT TAGTCAAGG GAATCACTGG AAGGCCCACT GCCCCAGGGG 2000
 G H F K K D C P N R N K P P C R P C P L R Q G N.H W K A H C P R G 470
 ATCAAGATAC TCTGAGTCAG AAGCCATTA CCAGATGATC CAGGGCGGG ACTGA 2055
 S R Y S E S E A I N Q M I Q Q Q D 487

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GAGATGCA CTTGAGTG GTCGGAGA AGCGAGAA GTTAAAGAAA AGAGGAA GTCAGGAA GAAAGAAA 100
 E N S S I S W L A E V G K D S K K . R R K K G E S Q R K K K R E E E T
 Pol Env: AS_u
 QUANGANGA CTTGAGGA GAGAGAGA GTTAAAGAAA AGAGGAA GTCGGAGA AGCTTACCTT TAAAGCC AGCTTACCTT TAAAGCC AGCTTACCTT GCAAGGCAAT 200
 K K N L K R E R S S K E K T V Y P I P L K A R V N F C L P S Q G I
 TTCTCTTA TCTGAGAT CAACTATCT CAACTCTCC ACTCTCTCA CAACTCTCA AGCTCTCTG AGCTCTCTG TTCTCTCTC CAACTCTCA CAACTCTCA 300
 F F L C G T S T Y I C L P T N W T G T R T L V F L S P N I N I A P
 Env: TM
 G N Q T L L V P V K A K V R Q C R A I Q L I S L F I G L G M A T A T
 GAGCTGG AGAGGCTT TCTGAGCT CAACTCTCA CAACTCTCA CAACTCTCA CAACTCTCA CAACTCTCA CAACTCTCA CAACTCTCA CAACTCTCA 400
 G T G I A G L S T S L S Y Y H T L S K N F S D S L Q E I M K S I L
 TACTCTCA TCTGAGTG AGCTCTTC AGCTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT 500
 T L Q S Q L D S L A A M T L Q N R R G P H L L T A E K G G L C T F
 TCTGAGAG AGCTCTTC TCTGAGTG AGCTCTTC AGCTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT 600
 L G E E C C C F Y T N O S G I V R D A T W H L Q E R A S D I R Q C L S
 GAGCTCA TCTGAGCT TCTGAGCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT 700
 N S Y T N L W S W A T W L L P F L G P M A A I L L L L T F G P C I
 TCTGAGCT CTCGAGT TCTGAGCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT 800
 F K L L V K F V S S R I E A I K L Q M V L Q M E P Q M S S T N N F
 TACGAGAC CTCGAGAC AGCTCTCA AGCTCTCA AGCTCTCT AGCTCTCT AGCTCTCT AGCTCTCT AGCTCTCT AGCTCTCT AGCTCTCT AGCTCTCT 900
 Y Q G P L E R S T G T S T S L E I P L W K T L Q L Q G P F F A P I Q
 Env: X
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 Q E V A R A V I G Q I P N S S W G V L F R G G I E E . A C W Q P
 TCTGAGCT CTCGAGCT CAACTCTCT TCTGAGCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT 1100
 H S P R W I S V P P Q P W C P L W P C L R S P S A C H C T V G A S
 TCTGAGCT CTCGAGCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT 1200
 F W A G Q G R S Q L P Q L A G R Y G G R D A G G N Q G C A W R L R A
 CTCGAGCT CTCGAGCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT 1300
 S M S S R W A W R R A P H S G S E G L S T W A R Q M L C S T S S
 L G L S C L P R G A G L R E H A A C P C L S P P P R R G F F L H S P
 AGCTCTCT AGCTCTCT CTCGAGCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT 1400
 S F P D K H H P L S T V P S P I N H P R V E E C G H T A R D W Q A V
 TCTGAGCT CTCGAGCT CAACTCTCT CTCGAGCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT 1500
 P L A A L V R D P L R E A S W A P F E S G G D L E N L Y V . L R D C
 TCTGAGCT CTCGAGCT CAACTCTCT CTCGAGCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT CAACTCTCT 1600
 K Y T N Q H
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SEQUENCE LISTING

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 68:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

5 (A) LENGTH: 34 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleotide
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

10 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 68:

GACTCGCTGC AGATCGATT TTTTTTTTTT TTTT

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 69:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

15 (A) LENGTH: 30 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleotide
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

20 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 69:

GCCATCAAGC CACCCAAGAA CTCTTAACCTT

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 70:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

25 (A) LENGTH: 30 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleotide
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

30 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 70:

CCAATAGCCA GACCATTATA TACACTAATT

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 112:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

35 (A) LENGTH: 310 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleotide
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 112:

GCCTTATAGAA GGACCCCTAG TATGGGGTAA TCCCCCTCTGG GAAACCAAGC CCCAGTACTC	60
AGCAGGAAAA ATAGAACATAGG AAACCTCACA AGGACATACT TTCCCTCCCT CCAGATGGCT	120
AGCCACTGAG GAAGGAAAAA TACTTTCACC TGCAGCTAAC CAACAGAAAT TACTTAAAAC	180
CCTTCACCAA ACCTTCCACT TAGGCATTGA TAGCACCCAT CAGATGGCCA AATTATTATT	240
TACTGGACCA GGCTTTCA AACTATCAA GAAGATAGTC AGGGGCTGTG AAGTGTGCCA	300
AAGAAATAAT	310

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 113:

5 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 103 amino acids
- (B) TYPE: amino acid
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

10 (ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 113:

Leu Ile Glu Gly Pro Leu Val Trp Gly Asn Pro Leu Trp Glu Thr Lys			
1	5	10	15
Pro Gln Tyr Ser Ala Gly Lys Ile Glu Xaa Glu Thr Ser Gln Gly His			
20	25	30	
Thr Phe Leu Pro Ser Arg Trp Leu Ala Thr Glu Glu Gly Lys Ile Leu			
35	40	45	
Ser Pro Ala Ala Asn Gln Gln Lys Leu Leu Lys Thr Leu His Gln Thr			
50	55	60	
Phe His Leu Gly Ile Asp Ser Thr His Gln Met Ala Lys Leu Leu Phe			
65	70	75	80
Thr Gly Pro Gly Leu Phe Lys Thr Ile Lys Lys Ile Val Arg Gly Cys			
85	90	95	
Glu Val Cys Gln Arg Asn Asn			
100			

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 114:

15 (i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 635 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleotide
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

20 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 114:

CCCTGTATCT TTAACCTCCT TGTAAAGTTT GTCTCTTCCA GAATCAAAAC TGTAAACTA 60
CAAATTGTTG TTCAAATGGA GCACCAAGATG GAGTCCATGA CTAAGATCCA CCGTGGACCC 120
CTGGACCGGGC CTGCTAGCCC ATGCTCCGAT GTTAATGACA TTGAAGGCAC CCCTCCCGAG 180
GAAATCTCAA CTGCACAAAC CCTACTATGC CCCAATTCAAG CGGGAAAGCAG TTAGAGCGGT 240
CATCAGCCAA CCTCCCCAAC ACCACTTGGG TTTTCCTGTT GAGAGGGGGG ACTGAGAGAC 300
AGGACTAGCT GGATTTCTA GCCCAACGAA GAATCCCTAA GCCTAGCTGG GAAGGTGACT 360
GCATCCACCT CTAAACATGG GCCTTGCAAC TTAGCTCACA CCCGACCAAT CAGAGAGCTC 420
ACTAAAATGCC TAATTAGGCA AAAATAGGAG CTAAAGAAAT AGCCAATCAT CTATTGCCTG 480
AGAGCACACCC GGGAGGGACA AGGATCGGGG TATAAAACCCA GGCATTGAG CCGGCAACGG 540
CAACCCCCCTT TGGGTCCCCCT CCCTTGTAT GGGCGCTCTG TTTTCACTCT ATTTCACTCT 600
ATTAATCTT GCAACTGAAA AAAAAAAA AAAAAA 635

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 115

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 77 amino acids
5 (B) TYPE: amino acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 115:

Pro Cys Ile Phe Asn Leu Leu Val Lys Phe Val Ser Ser Arg Ile Lys
1 5 10 15
Thr Val Lys Leu Gln Ile Val Leu Gln Met Glu His Gln Met Glu Ser
20 25 30
Met Thr Lys Ile His Arg Gly Pro Leu Asp Arg Pro Ala Ser Pro Cys
35 40 45
Ser Asp Val Asn Asp Ile Glu Gly Thr Pro Pro Glu Glu Ile Ser Thr
50 55 60
Ala Gln Pro Leu Leu Cys Pro Asn Ser Ala Gly Ser Ser
65 70 75

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 116:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 32 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleotide

5 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 116:

TGGGGTTCCA TTTGTAAGAC CATCTGTAGC TT 32

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 117:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 1481 base pairs

(B) TYPE: nucleotide

15 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 117:

ATGGCCCTCC CTTATCATAAC TTTTCTCTT ACTGTTCTCT TACCCCTTT CGCTCTCACT 60
GCACCCCTC CATGCTGCTG TACAACCAAGT AGCTCCCTT ACCAAGAGTT TCTATGAAGA 120
ACGGGGCTTC CTGGAAATAT TGATGCCCA TCATATAGGA GTTATCTAA GGGAAACTCC 180
ACCTTCACTG CCCACACCCA TATGCCCGC AACTGCTATA ACTCTGCCAC TCTTGCATG 240
CATGCAAATA CTCATTATTG GACAGGGAAA ATGATTAATC CTAGTTGTCC TGGAGGACTT 300
GGAGCCACTG TCTGTTGGAC TTACTTCACC CATAACCAGTA TGTCTGATGG GGGTGGAAATT 360
CAAGGTCAGG CAAGAGAAAA ACAAGTAAAG GAAGCAATCT CCCAACTGAC CCGGGGACAT 420
AGCACCCCTA GCCCCTACAA AGGACTAGTT CTCTCAAAAC TACATGAAAC CCTCCGTACC 480
CATACTCGCC TGGTGAGCCT ATTTAATACC ACCCTCACTC GGCTCCATGA GGTCTCAGCC 540
CAAAACCCCTA CTAACGTGTG GATGTGCCCTC CCCCTGCACT TCAGGCCATA CATTCAATC 600
CCTGTTCTG AACAATGGAA CAACTTCAGC ACAGAAATAA ACACCACTTC CGTTTTAGTA 660
GGACCTCTTG TTTCCAATCT GGAAATAACC CATAACCTCAA ACCTCACCTG TGTAAAAATT 720
AGCAATACTA TAGACACAAAC CAGCTCCCAA TGCATCAGGT GGGTAACACC TCCCACACGA 780
ATAGTCTGCC TACCCCTCAGG AATATTTTT GTCTGTTGGTA CCTCAGCCTA TCATTGTTG 840
AATGGCTCTT CAGAATCTAT GTGCTTCCCTC TCATTCTTAG TGCCCCCTAT GACCATCTAC 900
ACTGAACAAAG ATTTATACAA TCATGTCGTA CCTAAGCCCC ACAACAAAAG AGTACCCATT 960
CTTCCTTTG TTATCAGAGC AGGAGTGCTA GGCAGACTAG GTACTGGCAT TGGCAGTATC 1020

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ACAAACCTCTA CTCAGTTCTA CTACAAACTA TCTCAAGAAA TAAATGGTGA CATGGAACAG 1080
GTCACTGACT CCCTGGTCAC CTTGCAAGAT CAACTTAAC CCCTAGCAGC AGTAGTCCTT 1140
CAAAATCGAA GAGCTTTAGA CTTGCTAACCC GCCAAAAGAG GGGGAAACCTG TTTATTTTTA 1200
GGAGAAGAAC GCTGTTATTA TGTTAACCAA TCCAGAATTG TCACTGAGAA AGTTAAAGAA 1260
ATTCGGAGATC GAATACAAATC TAGACCAGAG GAGCTTCAAA ACACCGAACG CTGGGGCCTC 1320
CTCAGCCAAT GGATGCCCTG GGTTCTCCCC TTCTTAGGAC CTCTAGCAGC TCTAATATTG 1380
TTACTCCTCT TTGGACCCCTG TATCTTAAC CTCCTTGTAA AGTTGTCTC TTCCAGAATT 1440
GAAGCTGTAA AGCTACAGAT GGTCTTACAA ATGGAACCCC A 1481

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 118:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

5 (A) LENGTH: 493 amino acids
(B) TYPE: amino acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

10 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 118:

Met Ala Leu Pro Tyr His Thr Phe Leu Phe Thr Val Leu Leu Pro Pro
1 5 10 15
Phe Ala Leu Thr Ala Pro Pro Pro Cys Cys Cys Thr Thr Ser Ser Ser
20 25 30
Pro Tyr Gln Glu Phe Leu Xaa Arg Thr Arg Leu Pro Gly Asn Ile Asp
35 40 45
Ala Pro Ser Tyr Arg Ser Leu Ser Lys Gly Asn Ser Thr Phe Thr Ala
50 55 60
His Thr His Met Pro Arg Asn Cys Tyr Asn Ser Ala Thr Leu Cys Met
65 70 75 80
His Ala Asn Thr His Tyr Trp Thr Gly Lys Met Ile Asn Pro Ser Cys
85 90 95
Pro Gly Gly Leu Gly Ala Thr Val Cys Trp Thr Tyr Phe Thr His Thr
100 105 110
Ser Met Ser Asp Gly Gly Ile Gln Gly Gln Ala Arg Glu Lys Gln
115 120 125
Val Lys Glu Ala Ile Ser Gln Leu Thr Arg Gly His Ser Thr Pro Ser
130 135 140
Pro Tyr Lys Gly Leu Val Leu Ser Lys Leu His Glu Thr Leu Arg Thr

145	150	155	160
His Thr Arg Leu Val Ser Leu Phe Asn Thr Thr Leu Thr Arg Leu His			
165	170	175	
Glu Val Ser Ala Gln Asn Pro Thr Asn Cys Trp Met Cys Leu Pro Leu			
180	185	190	
His Phe Arg Pro Tyr Ile Ser Ile Pro Val Pro Glu Gln Trp Asn Asn			
195	200	205	
Phe Ser Thr Glu Ile Asn Thr Thr Ser Val Leu Val Gly Pro Leu Val			
210	215	220	
Ser Asn Leu Glu Ile Thr His Thr Ser Asn Leu Thr Cys Val Lys Phe			
225	230	235	240
Ser Asn Thr Ile Asp Thr Thr Ser Ser Gln Cys Ile Arg Trp Val Thr			
245	250	255	
Pro Pro Thr Arg Ile Val Cys Leu Pro Ser Gly Ile Phe Phe Val Cys			
260	265	270	
Gly Thr Ser Ala Tyr His Cys Leu Asn Gly Ser Ser Glu Ser Met Cys			
275	280	285	
Phe Leu Ser Phe Leu Val Pro Pro Met Thr Ile Tyr Thr Glu Gln Asp			
290	295	300	
Leu Tyr Asn His Val Val Pro Lys Pro His Asn Lys Arg Val Pro Ile			
305	310	315	320
Leu Pro Phe Val Ile Arg Ala Gly Val Leu Gly Arg Leu Gly Thr Gly			
325	330	335	
Ile Gly Ser Ile Thr Thr Ser Thr Gln Phe Tyr Tyr Lys Leu Ser Gln			
340	345	350	
Glu Ile Asn Gly Asp Met Glu Gln Val Thr Asp Ser Leu Val Thr Leu			
355	360	365	
Gln Asp Gln Leu Asn Ser Leu Ala Ala Val Val Leu Gln Asn Arg Arg			
370	375	380	
Ala Leu Asp Leu Leu Thr Ala Lys Arg Gly Gly Thr Cys Leu Phe Leu			
385	390	395	400
Gly Glu Glu Arg Cys Tyr Tyr Val Asn Gln Ser Arg Ile Val Thr Glu			
405	410	415	
Lys Val Lys Glu Ile Arg Asp Arg Ile Gln Cys Arg Ala Glu Glu Leu			
420	425	430	
Gln Asn Thr Glu Arg Trp Gly Leu Leu Ser Gln Trp Met Pro Trp Val			

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Leu Pro Phe Leu Gly Pro Leu Ala Ala Leu Ile Leu Leu Leu Phe

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Gly Pro Cys Ile Phe Asn Leu Leu Val Lys Phe Val Ser Ser Arg Ile

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Glu Ala Val Lys Leu Gln Met Val Leu Gln Met Glu Pro

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 119:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

5 (A) LENGTH: 32 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleotide
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

10 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 119:

TCAAAATCGA AGAGCTTAG ACTTGCTAAC CG

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 120:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

15 (A) LENGTH: 1329 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleotide
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

20 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 120:

TCAAAATCGA AGAGCTTAG ACTTGCTAAC CGCCAAAAGA GGGGAAACCT GTTTATTTT 60
AGGGGAAGAAA TGCTGTTAGT ATGTTAATCA ATCTGGAATC ATTACTGAGA AAGTTAAAGA 120
AATTTGAGAT CGAATATAAT GTAGAGCAGA GGACCTTCAA AACACTGCAC CCTGGGGCCT 180
CCTCAGCCAA TGGATGCCCT GGACTCTCCC CTTCTTAGGA CCTCTAGCAG CTATAATATT 240
TTTACTCCTC TTTGGACCCCT GTATCTTCAA CTTCTTGTCT AAGTTTGCTC CTTCCAGAAT 300
TGAAGCTGTA AAGCTACAA TAGTTCTTC AATGGAACCC CAGATGCAGT CCATGACTAA 360
AATCTACCGT GGACCCCTGG ACCGGCCTGC TAGACTATGC TCTGATGTTA ATGACATTGA 420
AGTCACCCCT CCCGAGGAAA TCTCAACTGC ACAACCCCTA CTACACTCCA ATTCACTAGG 480
AAGCAGTTAG AGCAGTTGTC AGCCAACCTC CCCAACAGTA CTTGGTTTT CCTGTTGAGA 540
GGGTGGACTG AGAGACAGGA CTAGCTGGAT TTCCTAGGCT GACTAAGAAT CCCNAAGCCT 600

ANCTGGGAAG GTGACCGCAT CCATCTTAA ACATGGGCT TGCAACTTAG CTCACACCCC 660
ACCAATCAGA GAGCTCACTA AAATGCTAAT CAGGCAAAAA CAGGAGGTAA AGCAATAGCC 720
AATCATCTAT TGCCTGAGAG CACAGCGGGA AGGACAAGGA TTGGGATATA AACTCAGGCA 780
TTCAAGCCAG CAACAGCAAC CCCCTTGGG TCCCCTCCA TTGTATGGG A GCTCTGTTT 840
CACTCTATT CACTCTATTA AATCATGCCTA CTGCACTCTT CTGGTCCGTG TTTTTATGG 900
CTCAAGCTGA GCTTTGTTG GCCATCCACC ACTGCTGTTT GCCACCGTCA CAGACCCGCT 960
GCTGACTTCC ATCCCTTGG ATCCAGCAGA GTGTCCACTG TGCTCCTGAT CCAGCGAGGT 1020
ACCCATTGCC ACTCCCGATC AGGCTAAAGG CTTGCCATTG TTCCCTGCATG GCTAAAGTGCC 1080
TGGGTTGTC CTAATAGAAC TGAACACTGG TCACTGGGTT CCATGGTTCT CTTCCATGAC 1140
CCACGGCTTC TAATAGAGCT ATAACACTCA CCGCATGGCC CAAGATTCCA TTCCCTGGTA 1200
TCTGTGAGGC CAAGAACCCC AGGTCAAGAGA ANGTGAGGCT TGCCACCATG TGGCAAGTGG 1260
CCCAC TGCCA TTTTGGTAGC GCCCCACCAC CATCTTGGGA GCTGTGGGAG CAAGGATCCC 1320
CCAGTAACA 1329

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 121:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 162 amino acids
5 (B) TYPE: amino acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 121:

Gln Asn Arg Arg Ala Leu Asp Leu Leu Thr Ala Lys Arg Gly Gly Thr
1 5 10 15
Cys Leu Phe Leu Gly Glu Glu Cys Cys Xaa Tyr Val Asn Gln Ser Gly
20 25 30
Ile Ile Thr Glu Lys Val Lys Glu Ile Xaa Asp Arg Ile Xaa Cys Arg
35 40 45
Ala Glu Asp Leu Gln Asn Thr Ala Pro Trp Gly Leu Leu Ser Gln Trp
50 55 60
Met Pro Trp Thr Leu Pro Phe Leu Gly Pro Leu Ala Ala Ile Ile Phe
65 70 75 80
Leu Leu Leu Phe Gly Pro Cys Ile Phe Asn Phe Leu Val Lys Phe Val
85 90 95
Ser Ser Arg Ile Glu Ala Val Lys Leu Gln Ile Val Leu Gln Met Glu
100 105 110

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Pro Gln Met Gln Ser Met Thr Lys Ile Tyr Arg Gly Pro Leu Asp Arg
115 120 125
Pro Ala Arg Leu Cys Ser Asp Val Asn Asp Ile Glu Val Thr Pro Pro
130 135 140
Glu Glu Ile Ser Thr Ala Gln Pro Leu Leu His Ser Asn Ser Val Gly
145 150 155 160
Ser Ser

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 122:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- 5 (A) LENGTH: 21 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleotide
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 122:

10 GGCATTGATA GCACCCATCA G 21

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 123:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- 15 (A) LENGTH: 21 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleotide
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 123:

20 CATGTCACCA GGGTGGAATA G 21

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 124:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- 25 (A) LENGTH: base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleotide
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 124:

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 124:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 758 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleotide
- 5 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
- (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 124:

GGCATTGATA	GCACCCATCA	GATGCCAAA	TCATTATTAA	CTGGACCAGG	CCTTTCAA	60
ACTATCAAGC	AGATAGGGCC	CGTGAACCAT	CCCAAAGAAA	TAATCCCCTG	CCTTATCGCC	120
ATGTTCCCTC	AGGAGAACAA	AGAACAGGCC	ATTACCCAGG	GGAAGACTGG	CAACTAGATT	180
TTACCCACAT	GGCCAAATGT	CAGGGATTTC	AGCATCTACT	AGTCTGGGCA	GATACTTCA	240
CTGGTTGGGT	GGAGTCTTCT	CCTTGTAGGA	CAGAAAAGAC	CCAAGAGGTA	ATAAAGGCAC	300
TAATGAAATA	ATTCCCAGAT	TTGGACTTCC	CCCAGGATTAA	CAGGGTCACA	ATGGCCCCGC	360
TTTCAAGGCT	GCAGTAACCC	AGGGACTATC	CCAGGTGTTA	GGCATACAAT	ATCACTTACA	420
CTGTCCCTGG	AGGCCACAAT	CCTCCAGAAA	AGTCAAGAAA	ATGAATGAAA	CACTCAAAGA	480
TCTAAAAAAAG	CTAACCCAAAG	AAACCCACAT	TGCATGACCT	GTTCTGTTGC	CTATAACCTT	540
ACTAAGAATC	CATAACTATC	CCCCAAAAAG	CAGGACTTAG	CCCATAACGAG	ATGCTATATG	600
GATGGCCTTT	CCTAACCAAT	GACCTTGTGC	TTGACTGAGA	AATGGCCAAC	TTAGTTGCAG	660
ACATCACCTC	CTTAGCCAAA	TATCAACAAG	TTCTTAAAC	ATCACAGGGAA	ACCTGTCCCC	720
GAGAGGAGGG	AAAGGAACTA	TTCCACCCCTG	GTGACATG			758

10 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 126:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 25 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleotide
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single

15 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 126:

CGGACATCCA	AAGTGATGGG	AAACCG	25
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20 (2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 127:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

- (A) LENGTH: 26 base pairs
- (B) TYPE: nucleotide
- (C) STRANDEDNESS: single

25 (D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 127:

GGACAGGAAA GTAAGACTGA GAAGGC

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 128:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

5 (A) LENGTH: 26 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleotide
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

10 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 128:

CCTAGAACGT ATTCTGGAGA ATTGGGG

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 129:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

15 (A) LENGTH: 26 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleotide
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

20 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 129:

TGGCTCTCAA TGGTCAAACA TACCCG

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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 130:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

25 (A) LENGTH: 1511 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleotide
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

30 (xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 130:

CCTAGAACGT ATTCTGGAGA ATTGGGACCA ATGTGACACT CAGACGCTAA GAAAGAAACG 60

ATTTATATTTC TTCTGCAGTA CCGCCTGGCC ACAATATCCT CTTCAAGGGA GAGAAACCTG 120
GCTTCCTGAG GGAAGTATAA ATTATAACAT CATCTTACAG CTAGACCTCT TCTGTAGAAA 180
GGAGGGCAAA TGGAGTGAAG TGCCATATGT GCAAACTTTC TTTTCATTAA GAGACAACTC 240
ACAATTATGT AAAAAGTGTG GTTATGCC TACAGGAAGC CCTCAGAGTC CACCTCCCTA 300
CCCCAGCGTC CCCTCCCCGA CTCTTCCTC AACTAATAAG GACCCCCCTT TAACCCAAAC 360
GGTCCAAAAG GAGATAGACA AAGGGTAAA CAATGAACCA AAGAGTGCCA ATATTCCCCG 420
ATTATGCCCT CTCCAAGCAG TGAGAGGAGG AGAATTGCC CCAGCCAGAG TGCCGTGACC 480
TTTTCTCTC TCAGACTTAA AGCAAATTAA AATAGACCTA GGTAATTCT CAGATAACCC 540
TGACGGCTAT ATTGATGTT TACAAGGGTT AGGACAATCC TTTGATCTGA CATGGAGAGA 600
TATAATGTTA CTACTAAATC AGACACTAAC CCCAAATGAG AGAAGTGCCG CTGTAACCTG 660
AGCCCCGAGAG TTTGGCAGTC TTTGGTATCT CAGTCAGGCC AACAAATAGGA TGACAAACAGA 720
GGAAAAGAAC AACTCCACAG GCCAGCAGGC AGTTCCCAAGT GTAGACCCCTC ATTGGGACAC 780
AGAATCAGAA CATGGAGATT GGTGCCACAA ACATTTGCTA ACTTGGTGC TAGAAGGACT 840
GAGGAAAAGT AGGAAGAACG CTATGAATTA CTCAATGATG TCCACTATAA CACAGGGAAA 900
GGAAGAAAAT CTTACTGCTT TTCTGGACAG ACTAAGGGAG GCATTGAGGA AGCATAACCTC 960
CCTGTCACCT GACTCTATTG AAGCCAAC AATCTTAAAG GATAAGTTA TCACTCAGTC 1020
ACCTGCGAGAC ATTAGAAAAA ACTTCRAAAG TCTGCTTAG GCCCCGGACCA GAACTTAGAA 1080
ACCCCTATTTA ACTTGGCAGTC CTCAGTTTT TATAATAGAG ATCAGGAGGA GCAGGGAAA 1140
CGGGACAAAC GGGATAAAAAA AAAAAGGGGG GGTCCACTAC TTTAGTCATG GCCCTCAGGC 1200
AAGCAGACTT TGGAGGCTCT GCAAAAGGGA AAAGCTGGGC AAATCAAATG CCTAATAGGG 1260
CTGGCTTCCA GTGCGGTCTA CAAGGACACT TTAAAAAAAAGA TTATCCAAGT AGAAATAAGC 1320
CGCCCCCTTG TCCATGCCCTT TTACGTCAAG GGAATCACTG GAAGGGCCAC TGCCCCAGGG 1380
GATGAAGATA CTCTGAGTCA GAAGCCATTA ACCAGATGAT CCAGCAGCAG GACTGAGGGT 1440
GCCCGGGGCG AGGCCAGCC CATGCCATCA CCCTCACAGA GCCCCGGGT A TGTTTGACCA 1500
TTGAGAGCCA A 1511

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 131:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 352 amino acids
5 (B) TYPE: amino acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 131:

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Leu Glu Arg Ile Leu Glu Asn Trp Asp Gln Cys Asp Thr Gln Thr Leu

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Arg Lys Lys Arg Phe Ile Phe Phe Cys Ser Thr Ala Trp Pro Gln Tyr
20 25 30
Pro Leu Gln Gly Arg Glu Thr Trp Leu Pro Glu Gly Ser Ile Asn Tyr
35 40 45
Asn Ile Ile Leu Gln Leu Asp Leu Phe Cys Arg Lys Glu Gly Lys Trp
50 55 60
Ser Glu Val Pro Tyr Val Gln Thr Phe Phe Ser Leu Arg Asp Asn Ser
65 70 75 80
Gln Leu Cys Lys Lys Cys Gly Leu Cys Pro Thr Gly Ser Pro Gln Ser
85 90 95
Pro Pro Pro Tyr Pro Ser Val Pro Ser Pro Thr Pro Ser Ser Thr Asn
100 105 110
Lys Asp Pro Pro Leu Thr Gln Thr Val Gln Lys Glu Ile Asp Lys Gly
115 120 125
Val Asn Asn Glu Pro Lys Ser Ala Asn Ile Pro Arg Leu Cys Pro Leu
130 135 140
Gln Ala Val Arg Gly Gly Glu Phe Gly Pro Ala Arg Val Pro Val Pro
145 150 155 160
Phe Ser Leu Ser Asp Leu Lys Gln Ile Lys Ile Asp Leu Gly Lys Phe
165 170 175
Ser Asp Asn Pro Asp Gly Tyr Ile Asp Val Leu Gln Gly Leu Gln
180 185 190
Ser Phe Asp Leu Thr Trp Arg Asp Ile Met Leu Leu Asn Gln Thr
195 200 205
Leu Thr Pro Asn Glu Arg Ser Ala Ala Val Thr Ala Ala Arg Glu Phe
210 215 220
Gly Asp Leu Trp Tyr Leu Ser Gln Ala Asn Asn Arg Met Thr Thr Glu
225 230 235 240
Glu Arg Thr Thr Pro Thr Gly Gln Gln Ala Val Pro Ser Val Asp Pro
245 250 255
His Trp Asp Thr Glu Ser Glu His Gly Asp Trp Cys His Lys His Leu
260 265 270
Leu Thr Cys Val Leu Glu Gly Leu Arg Lys Thr Arg Lys Lys Pro Met
275 280 285
Asn Tyr Ser Met Met Ser Thr Ile Thr Gln Gly Lys Glu Glu Asn Leu
290 295 300

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Arg	Gly	Ser	His	Met	Ala	Ser	Met	Thr	Gly	Gly	Gln	Gln	Met	Gly	Arg
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Ile	Lew	Glu	Arg	Ile	Leu	Glu	Asn	Trp	Asp	Gln	Cys	Asp	Thr	Gln	Thr
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Leu	Arg	Lys	Lys	Arg	Phe	Ile	Phe	Phe	Cys	Ser	Thr	Ala	Trp	Pro	Gln
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Tyr	Pro	Leu	Gln	Gly	Arg	Glu	Thr	Trp	Leu	Pro	Glu	Gly	Ser	Ile	Asn
65		70		75											
Tyr	Asn	Ile	Ile	Leu	Gln	Leu	Asp	Leu	Phe	Cys	Arg	Lys	Glu	Gly	Lys
	85		90		95										
Trp	Ser	Glu	Val	Pro	Tyr	Val	Gln	Thr	Phe	Phe	Ser	Leu	Arg	Asp	Asn
	100		105		110										
Ser	Gln	Leu	Cys	Lys	Lys	Cys	Gly	Leu	Cys	Pro	Thr	Gly	Ser	Pro	Gln
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Asn	Lys	Asp	Pro	Pro	Leu	Thr	Gln	Thr	Val	Gln	Lys	Glu	Ile	Asp	Lys
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Gly	Val	Asn	Asn	Glu	Pro	Lys	Ser	Ala	Asn	Ile	Pro	Arg	Leu	Cys	Pro
	165		170		175										
Leu	Gln	Ala	Val	Arg	Gly	Gly	Glu	Phe	Gly	Pro	Ala	Arg	Val	Pro	Val
	180		185		190										
Pro	Phe	Ser	Leu	Ser	Asp	Leu	Lys	Gln	Ile	Lys	Ile	Asp	Leu	Gly	Lys
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	225		230		235										
Thr	Leu	Thr	Pro	Asn	Glu	Arg	Ser	Ala	Ala	Val	Thr	Ala	Ala	Arg	Glu
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Glu	Glu	Arg	Thr	Thr	Pro	Thr	Gly	Gln	Gln	Ala	Val	Pro	Ser	Val	Asp
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Pro	His	Trp	Asp	Thr	Glu	Ser	Glu	His	Gly	Asp	Trp	Cys	His	Lys	His

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Leu Leu Thr Cys Val Leu Glu Gly Leu Arg Lys Thr Arg Lys Lys Pro
305 310 315 320
Met Asn Tyr Ser Met Met Ser Thr Ile Thr Gln Gly Lys Glu Glu Asn
325 330 335
Leu Thr Ala Phe Leu Asp Arg Leu Arg Glu Ala Leu Arg Lys His Thr
340 345 350
Ser Leu Ser Pro Asp Ser Ile Glu Gly Gln Leu Ile Leu Lys Asp Lys
355 360 365
Phe Ile Thr Gln Ser Ala Ala Asp Ile Arg Lys Asn Phe Lys Ser Leu
370 375 380
Pro Lys Leu Ala Ala Ala Leu Glu His His His His His His
385 390 395

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 137:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 378 amino acids
5 (B) TYPE: amino acid
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: peptide

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 137:

Met Ala Ser Met Thr Gly Gly Gln Gln Met Gly Arg Ile Leu Glu Arg
1 5 10 15
Ile Leu Glu Asn Trp Asp Gln Cys Asp Thr Gln Thr Leu Arg Lys Lys
20 25 30
Arg Phe Ile Phe Phe Cys Ser Thr Ala Trp Pro Gln Tyr Pro Leu Gln
35 40 45
Gly Arg Glu Thr Trp Leu Pro Glu Gly Ser Ile Asn Tyr Asn Ile Ile
50 55 60
Leu Gln Leu Asp Leu Phe Cys Arg Lys Glu Gly Lys Trp Ser Glu Val
65 70 75 80
Pro Tyr Val Gln Thr Phe Phe Ser Leu Arg Asp Asn Ser Gln Leu Cys
85 90 95
Lys Lys Cys Gly Leu Cys Pro Thr Gly Ser Pro Gln Ser Pro Pro Pro
100 105 110

Tyr Pro Ser Val Pro Ser Pro Thr Pro Ser Ser Thr Asn Lys Asp Pro
115 120 125
Pro Leu Thr Gln Thr Val Gln Lys Glu Ile Asp Lys Gly Val Asn Asn
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Glu Pro Lys Ser Ala Asn Ile Pro Arg Leu Cys Pro Leu Gln Ala Val
145 150 155 160
Arg Gly Gly Glu Phe Gly Pro Ala Arg Val Pro Val Pro Phe Ser Leu
165 170 175
Ser Asp Leu Lys Gln Ile Lys Ile Asp Leu Gly Lys Phe Ser Asp Asn
180 185 190
Pro Asp Gly Tyr Ile Asp Val Leu Gln Gly Leu Gly Gln Ser Phe Asp
195 200 205
Leu Thr Trp Arg Asp Ile Met Leu Leu Leu Asn Gln Thr Leu Thr Pro
210 215 220
Asn Glu Arg Ser Ala Ala Val Thr Ala Ala Arg Glu Phe Gly Asp Leu
225 230 235 240
Trp Tyr Leu Ser Gln Ala Asn Asn Arg Met Thr Thr Glu Glu Arg Thr
245 250 255
Thr Pro Thr Gly Gln Ala Val Pro Ser Val Asp Pro His Trp Asp
260 265 270
Thr Glu Ser Glu His Gly Asp Trp Cys His Lys His Leu Leu Thr Cys
275 280 285
Val Leu Glu Gly Leu Arg Lys Thr Arg Lys Lys Pro Met Asn Tyr Ser
290 295 300
Met Met Ser Thr Ile Thr Gln Gly Lys Glu Glu Asn Leu Thr Ala Phe
305 310 315 320
Leu Asp Arg Leu Arg Glu Ala Leu Arg Lys His Thr Ser Leu Ser Pro
325 330 335
Asp Ser Ile Glu Gly Gln Leu Ile Leu Lys Asp Lys Phe Ile Thr Gln
340 345 350
Ser Ala Ala Asp Ile Arg Lys Asn Phe Lys Ser Leu Pro Lys Leu Ala
355 360 365
Ala Ala Leu Glu His His His His His His
370 375

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 138:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 25 base pairs
5 (B) TYPE: nucleotide
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single

(D) TOPOLOGY: linear
(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA
(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 138:
CTTGGAGGGT GCATAACCAG GGAAT 25
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 139:
(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 20 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleotide
10 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear
(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA
(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 139:
TGTCCGCTGT GCTCCTGATC 20
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(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 140:
(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 25 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleotide
20 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear
(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA
(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 140:
CTATGTCCTT TTGGACTGTT TGGGT 25
25
(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 141:
(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:
(A) LENGTH: 764 base pairs
(B) TYPE: nucleotide
30 (C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear
(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA
(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 141:

TGTCCGCTGT GCTCCTGATC CAGCACAGGC GCCCATTGCC TCTCCCAATT GGGCTAAAGG 60
CTTGGCCATTG TTCCCTGCACA GCTAAGTGCC TGGGTTCATC CTAATCGAGC TGAACACTAG 120
TCACTGGGTT CCACGGTTCT CTTCCATGAC CCATGGCTTC TAATAGAGCT ATAACACTCA 180
CTGCATGGTC CAAGATCCA TTCCCTGGAA TCCGTGAGAC CAAGAACCCC AGGTCAGAGA 240
ACACAAGGCT TGCCACCATG TTGGAAGCAG CCCACCACCA TTTTGGAAAGC AGCCCGCCAC 300
TATCTTGGGA GCTCTGGGAG CAAGGACCCC AGGTAACAAT TTGGTGACCA CGAAGGGGACC 360
TGAATCCGCA ACCATGAAGG GATCTCCAAA GCAATTGGAA ATGTTCTTCC CAAGGCAAAA 420
ATGCCCCCTAA GATGTATTCT GGAGAATTGG GACCAATTG ACCCTCAGAC AGTAAGAAAA 480
AAATGACTTA TATTCTTCTG CAGTACCGCC CTGGCCACGA TATCCTCTTC AACGGGGGAGA 540
AACCTGGCCT CCTGAGGGAA GTATAAATTA TAACACCATC TTACAGCTAG ACCTGTTTC 600
TAGAAAAGGA GCGAAATGGA GTGAAGTGCC ATATTTACAA ACTTTCTTT CATTAAAAGA 660
CAACTCGCAA TTATGTTAAC AGTGTGATTG GTGTTCTAC ACGGAAGCCC TCAGATTCTA 720
CTCCCCACCC CGGGCATCTC CCCTGAATCC CTCCCCAACT TATT 764

(2) INFORMATION FOR SEQ ID NO: 142:

(i) SEQUENCE CHARACTERISTICS:

(A) LENGTH: 800 base pairs
5 (B) TYPE: nucleotide
(C) STRANDEDNESS: single
(D) TOPOLOGY: linear

(ii) MOLECULE TYPE: cDNA

(xi) SEQUENCE DESCRIPTION: SEQ ID NO: 142:

TGTCCGCTGT GCTCCTGATC CAGCACAGGC GCCCATTGCC TCTCCCAATT GGGCTAAAGG 60
CTTGGCCATTG TTCCCTGCACA GCTAAGTGCC TGGGTTCATC CTAATCGAGC TGAACACTAG 120
TCACTGGGTT CCACGGTTCT CTTCCATGAC CCATGGCTTC TAATAGAGCT ATAACACTCA 180
CTGCATGGTC CAAGATCCA TTCCCTGGAA TCCGTGAGAC CAAGAACCCC AGGTCAGAGA 240
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TATCTTGGGA GCTCTGGGAG CAAGGACCCC CAGGTAACAA TTTGGTGACCA CGAAGGGGACC 360
CTGAATCCGC AACCATGAAG GGATCTCCAA AGCAATTGGA AATGTTCTC CCAAGGCAAA 420
AAATGCCCCCTA AGATGTATTG TGGAGAATTG GGACCAATTG GACCTCTAGA CAGTAAGAAA 480
AAAAATGACT TATATTCTTC TGCAGTACCG CCTGGCCACG GATATCCTCT TCAAGGGGGGA 540
GAAACCTGGC CTCCGTAGGG AAGTATAAAT TATAACACCA TCTTACAGCT AGACCTGTTT 600
TGTAGAAAAG GAGGCAATG GAGTGAAGTG CCATATTAC AAACTTTCTT TTCATTAAAA 660
GACAACCTCGC AATTATGTAA ACAGTGTGAT TTGTGTCTA CAGGAAGCCC TCAGATCTAC 720
CTCCCCACCC CGGGCATCTC CTGACTCTT CCCCAACTAA TAAGGACCCC CTTCAGCCCCA 780
10 AACAGTCCAA AAGGACATAG 800